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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

THE RAILWAY SETTLEMENT.

MR. THOMAS' TRIBUTE TO THE PREMIER.

PEERS AND PEERESSES UNLOADING POTATOES.

London, October 5.
At a great enthusiastic meeting of railwaymen in the Albert Hall, Mr. Thomas said that railwaymen had come out solid and remained solid, and he wished them to resume work equally solidly. They did not want to claim a great victory, because they could only win a victory over an enemy. They regarded the result reached as an honourable settlement, with which everybody must be pleased. In working out the settlement Mr. Lloyd George had played a great part.

THEIR MAJESTIES' NOVEL JOURNEY.

London, October 5.
The strike was marked by many picturesque features, but none more remarkable, in view of the traditions of Royal progresses, than their Majesties' motor journey of 547 miles to London from Balmoral. The King returned earlier than he intended, anxious to get in personal touch with his advisers in view of the crisis. It would have been impossible to arrange a special train, but His Majesty preferred to share the experiences of so many of his subjects and travel by road. Starting at 8.30 on Friday morning, he took a short cut across the Grampians, over Spital and Glenshee, through Perth, Stirling, Lanark and Carlisle. They spent Friday night at Lowther Castle, the guests of Lord and Lady Londesdale. Their Majesties travelled yesterday, via Appleby, Doncaster, Grantham and Hatfield, arriving at Buckingham Palace at five in the afternoon. A crowd at the gates cheered their safe arrival. The only attendants on their Majesties were Lord Stamfordham and Colonel Clive Wigram. Princess Mary remained at Balmoral, and the Princes Albert and Henry left Aberdeen yesterday, proceeding to London by ordinary passenger steamer. The Royal Household travels later in the Royal yacht. Mr. Lloyd George probably sees the King today.

STRIKE INCIDENTS.

London, October 5.
The strike outlook was blackest at midnight on Friday, but became cheerful last night. The first glimmer of hope appeared in Mr. Thomas's announcement yesterday morning that the Railwaymen's Executive had abandoned its intention of campaigning in the Provinces over the week-end but would remain in London to remove any barrier against re-opening negotiations. Then came his announcement in the evening that conversations with Downing Street would resume to-day. The fourteen mediators were most happy after their visit to Downing Street yesterday. Mr. O'Grady delighting his colleagues by singing an Irish song. Mr. Arthur Henderson, interviewed in the evening said:—"Things are much easier than this morning, particularly since we left Downing Street. I have hopes of a settlement during the next twenty-four hours." It is pointed out that there is no special significance in Mr. Bonar Law receiving the mediators yesterday. He did so because Mr. Lloyd George was resting.

It is now stated that there is a prospect of the King holding a Privy Council on Monday and signing a Proclamation for the early convocation of Parliament, which many papers are urging most strongly. Meanwhile public enthusiasm to maintain the life of the community has not abated. Not even the war evoked such a rally of voluntary workers. Peers trundling trolleys and milk churns and Peersesses unloading potatoes are now familiar sights at the great London terminals, while Admirals, Colonels and members of Parliament are acting as engine drivers, stokers, signalmen, lamp-lighters, van-drivers, and stablemen. A certain amount of topsyturvydom is inevitable. For instance an ex-Sergeant at Marylebone is commanding a fatigue party, consisting of a Major and three Captains on leave. Hundreds of bluejackets have volunteered for service, a most valuable instance being at Cardiff, where ship traffic and the docks are now practically normal.

The Admiralty has issued a special order, thanking all officers and men "for the manner in which they came forward to assist the country in its emergency." Labourers of the Port of London Authority met yesterday and decided in no circumstances to strike even if their leaders ordered. A similar resolution was passed by dockmen at the West India Docks. Comrades of the Great War opened the dock gates at Plymouth, where the dockers struck yesterday. A meeting of Railwaymen at Teignmouth last night was broken up by ex-soldiers and sailors. A more unpleasant feature is the recurrence of outrages. An attempt was made to wreck a train near Fort William by removing the fishplates and slewing the line. A surfaceman, discovering the damage in time to save the train. Railway points at Hull were tampered with, and apparatus in a signal box at New Cro-s was altered. The tracks at Cheshire and West-Lothian were greased, but all the damage was repaired in each case, preventing a disaster to crowded trains. A number of strikers were fined 40/- and 25/- at London yesterday for disorder and assault on workers. One was imprisoned for three weeks for an aggravated assault.

AMERICA AND THE PEACE TREATY.

THE QUESTION OF RATIFICATION.

Paris, October 5.
In official American circles in Paris it is declared that it seems likely that the United States will be the third nation to ratify the Treaty of Versailles, with or without reservations. This is contrary to the belief expressed last week, but the ratification by the French Chamber of Deputies modified the point of view. The Treaty with Hungary still awaits the delegates from Budapest to receive it. The Entente declines to recognise the Friedrich Ministry.—Hqus.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA.

Paris, October 5.
The Shah of Persia arrived this morning in Paris incognito.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

PEACE QUESTIONS.

FRANCE AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Paris, October 4.
The French Chamber of Deputies debated yesterday several motions bearing on the peace conditions.
The first, elaborated by the Peace Commissions, called for the opening of diplomatic negotiations with the Allies, with a view to ensuring the disarmament of Germany. It was unanimously adopted, after speeches by MM. Tardieu, Clemenceau and Viviani.
An addition by M. Renaudel, and approved by the Government, asking for the immediate summoning of representatives of the League of Nations and the progressive reduction of armaments, was carried by 444 votes to one.

M. Clemenceau said he did not know when the Covenant would be ratified by the United States Senate, but even if it were not ratified he understood that President Wilson would summon the League.

Motions asking that Germany's payments should be devoted, first of all, to restoration of the devastated districts, and that the Alliance should be continued so as to make Germany respect her engagements, were adopted unanimously.

The French Minister of Interior laid yesterday, on the table of the Senate, the Bills for the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles and the covenants with Great Britain and the United States. The Senate will discuss these probably on Thursday.

The text of a letter, dated September 4, sent by M. Clemenceau to Colonel House shortly before the latter's departure for America, was issued last night by the Havas Agency. The French Premier points out that in view of the hopes raised by the prospects of forming the League of Nations and the desirability of solving the international problems with which all the countries are confronted, it is advisable to hold the first meeting of the League as soon as possible at Washington. M. Clemenceau suggests that the meeting should take place in November and that invitations should be sent to the largest possible number of statesmen whose names are associated with the creation of the League.—Havas.

THE U.S. STEEL STRIKE.

STRIKERS INCITED TO VIOLENCE.

Indianapolis, October 4.
The Governor of Indiana has ordered eleven Companies of Militia to East Chicago, where rioting is filling the hospitals. The Sheriff has informed the Governor that agitators are inciting the striking steel-workers to violence.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

THE CHIEF DELEGATE.

Shanghai, October 7.
Wong Yap-tong had interviews with the Consuls and commercial organisations on the 2nd. The situation is hopeful.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Shanghai, October 7.
Owing to \$700,000 being detained by Chan Jok-lum, Tuchun of Fengtien, the Bank Group is very indignant and refuses to hand over the salt revenue reserve of \$2,000,000. Owing to the high discount on bank notes, the acting Financial Minister, Li Shee Ho, is very worried.

NEW MINISTER TO PARIS.

Shanghai, October 7.
The appointment of Chan Luk, Vice Minister at the Foreign Ministry, as Minister to Paris, has been decided upon.

OUR PEKING LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, 20th September.

There has been a succession of important events during the week. First of all has been the confirmation of the first telegram that China had signed the Peace Treaty with Austria thereby gaining a title to a place in the League of Nations. Secondly, there has been the presidential mandate declaring that the state of war which existed between China and Germany is terminated. Thirdly, there has been the announcement that unless America, Britain and France agree to the exclusion of Manchuria and Mongolia from the sphere of its operation Japan will not join the Consortium. Fourthly, there has been the arrival of Wang I-tang, the Northern delegate to the Internal Peace Conference, at Shanghai, and the reported opposition of the southern leaders to meeting him. Fifthly and lastly, there is the reported break between Marshal Tuan Chi-jui and General Hsu Shu-chen.

Undoubtedly the signing of the Peace Treaty with Austria affords Chinese much satisfaction. Not only does it bring the state of war existing between China and the former Dual Monarchy to an end but it gives China membership in the League of Nations and enables her the better to deal with Germany. Some ten days ago the Waichiaopu received news in connection with Austrian claims which proved very disconcerting but fortunately the fear that the Supreme Council would dispose of these in a manner unfavourable to China was quickly dispelled.

The Presidential mandate formally declaring that the state of war between China and Germany is ended, has been expected for some time. It terminates an illogical position, but it does not dispose of the problem of the future relations between the two countries. China's declination to sign the treaty with Germany will not enhance the prestige of the latter nor create any world wide sympathy for Germany in respect of the terms imposed upon her, but it enables China with more freedom to lay her case before the League of Nations. To have signed even under the most tempting offers made by Japan would have been to have made the mistake perpetrated in the autumn of 1918 when the agree-

ment confirming Japan's demands of 1915 was signed. Probably the League of Nations will argue that principle of English law which declares that a man cannot give away the rights which the law affords him. At any rate, it is hoped so. A subsequent mandate makes it clear that the regulations for the control of enemy subjects is still in existence.

After a long delay the news came through to-day that Japan had declined to accept the conditions of the American, British and French financial groups in respect of the new Consortium to be formed for leading China the much needed monetary assistance. Two days ago we had intelligence that the three groups mentioned had addressed an identical memorandum to the Japanese dwelling on the need for concerted action in this respect and stating that Japan's insistence upon the exclusion of Manchuria and Mongolia from its operation was too important a matter to be discussed by them and should be referred to the respective Governments. The announcement that Japan was prepared to stand out of the arrangement has not created any surprise in the capital, but the significance of Japan's attitude is not minimised. It is realised that Japan knowing the anxiety of the other Powers to have the Peace Treaty ratified and the League of Nations established, believes that the complacency which awarded her economic rights in Shantung rather than wreck the Peace Conference and make impossible the League of Nations will permit her to have her own way in respect to the Consortium. Chinese hope that the Western powers will not allow themselves to be bluffed a second time by Japan. The attention of Japan may prejudice the prospects of the success of the Consortium and may operate against the early inauguration of the League of Nations, but as the island empire has already been told that other nations will not agree to her acquiring the total steel output of the Yangtze Valley it might occur to the diplomat of Tokyo that persuasion along similar lines might be exercised by the Western Powers. There is no need for any warlike bluster. As was declared before the armistice the Allies were prepared to use the economic weapon. It is not unlikely that they will discriminate in favour of the nations which lend most support to their policy of world peace and world justice. Japan is so dependent upon the rest of the world for supplies of raw materials that she cannot afford the risk of an international boycott, and if she depart from her own professions that her aims

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was \$2.11-15d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Fair. Barometer:—29.94. Temperature:—81. Humidity:—45.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

October 7, 1919.
Mr. George E. Anderson, Consul General for America, accompanied by Mr. John J. Cunningham, Vice Consul for America, paid an official call at Government House this morning. They were received by His Excellency.
His Excellency will be the guest this evening, at dinner, of the Chief Justice, His Honour Sir William Rees Davies.

were consonant with her Allies she will have only herself to blame if strong measures are taken to make her see reason.

Reports from Shanghai regarding the objections to the Northern delegate to the Peace Conference are rather disconcerting as it was hoped that the Southern delegates would put themselves in a more correct position by consenting to a resumption of the peace negotiations. In Peking Wang I-tang, though admittedly a member of the Anfu party, is regarded as the strongest delegate that could be sent down. If he cannot succeed, no one else can, for he knows how far he can go. Moreover, it is said that the South would be surprised to learn the extent of the concessions which he is authorised to make. The latter statement may be an inspired one, but to most people here it seems unwise on the part of certain southern delegates to refuse to meet him in his official capacity. To the new claim of the South that a full statement be made of the financial obligations of the Peking Government, there is the rejoinder that the Canton Government be asked to do likewise. The latter is by no means free from the obloquy of borrowing from Japanese on extravagant terms.

While it may not be quite true that Marshal Tuan Chi-jui and General Hsu Shu-chen have actually broken with each other, it has been obvious for some time that they have been drawing away from each other. Tuan appears to be aligning himself more with President Hsu Shu-chen. This indicates a conversation to liberalism which might be productive of important results. Unfortunately, Tuan has to live down the prejudices of the more advanced section of political thought, and if it declines to believe in his change of heart his new creed will not be advanced in the slightest. Indeed he may draw upon the President the same suspicion with which he himself is regarded. Such a result would be deplorable. Report hath it that Tuan is prepared to work with the Yangtze tuchuns who have refrained from the militarism of the Northern tuchuns, and if this be so, his weight added to theirs might create a strong middle party which would be in a position to dictate peace. The outlook is so confused that it is impossible more than hint at the probable trend of events.

Lawn tennis tournaments are in full swing at present in Peking. Perhaps the most interesting feature of this season's play is the splendid form shown by Mr. T. C. Tyan of the Watchdog Club, who has knocked out one of the strongest English players, a person of Mr. W. H. ...



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FAR EASTERN BANKING.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BRITISH INSTITUTIONS.

One of the most interesting developments arising out of the war, says the *Financial Times* has been the increase in the importance of financial interests in the Far East, especially India, Japan and China. All these countries have prospered exceedingly during the last few years, notwithstanding a bad monsoon in 1918 and the ravages of the influenza epidemic. In this prosperity English banking institutions should secure their full share, as they have always been the pioneers in this field and the recent increases of capital which have been made by several of the larger Banks is sufficient evidence that their Directors are awake to the opportunity created by the war-engendered prosperity of Eastern countries. At present to a large extent their energies are hampered by the Treasury regulations with regard to the employment of British capital abroad. That these restrictions cannot be continued for very long is certain. At the recent meeting of the British Bank for Foreign Trade Mr. C. Birch Crisp, the Chairman, put the argument for the removal of all such restrictions very cogently.

"Last March," he said, "the British Government removed the ban upon the issue of capital by English companies for domestic purposes. But the issue of bonds or shares involving what was termed 'the export of capital abroad' is still subject to control. I venture to think the restrictions should be removed as soon as possible. Restriction upon the export of gold is one thing; the export of capital apart from gold can only take the form of shipments of goods, or by rendering services to foreigners or Colonials. Until the London market is reopened to foreign States a rise in our export returns is improbable. The creation of sterling credits in London will enable overseas merchants to buy our products. The placing of foreign or Colonial loans upon the London market, subject to a proviso that the proceeds or the bulk thereof should be applied to the purchase of goods in these islands, would, to the extent that such loans were subscribed, reduce the temptation to spend money upon luxuries. America is fully alive to the facts. American, and I am glad to note the Canadian also, sees that a country which produces crops or goods beyond its own power of absorption should sell its surplus as against an acknowledgement of indebtedness rather than lose an overseas customer who cannot pay cash down. The American capitalists are ready to take foreign bonds, thereby making dollar credits available to American manufacturers. The capitalist can risk temporary default upon a bond, but the manufacturer, who must pay cash for raw materials and wages and rent, cannot deal except on a cash basis. If the British Government will but take a similar view of the needs of the situation the industry and commerce of these islands will be greatly benefited. Our situation is such that all proposals involving national expenditure should be scrutinized carefully. If labour be diverted to work not conducive to the production of goods for export we shall be unable to pay interest upon the National Debt or obtain from abroad those supplies without which the people cannot be fed."

Mr. Crisp's criticisms of the policy of our Government in restricting the remission of capital abroad, which, as he points out, is practically the only method by which exports of manufactured goods to the countries involved in the war can be stimulated, are undoubtedly well founded, but at the same time it has to be admitted that the creation of British credits in a country which is undergoing such a political turmoil as Russia is at present, could hardly be encouraged with any degree of safety. The finance of Russia is so hopelessly involved with the issue of paper money by the Bolshevik Government that nothing very much in the way of establishing our commercial and financial relations can be done until some form of stable government, based not on the autocratic authority of a section of the people, but having the support of the majority of the people as a whole, has been established. In the Far East, however, conditions are very different. China, has signed the Peace Treaty, and although very naturally resenting the forced cession of the Shantung Peninsula to Japan, has, nevertheless, profited very considerably by the war, and

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with the steady weakening of revolutionary propaganda, the Republican Government seems to have gained sufficient power to make full use of its opportunities. With a stable Government in China working in harmony with Japan, the development of the Far Eastern trade is likely to make rapid progress. It is true that the quarrel between Japan and China over the former's claim to the Shantung Peninsula may retard developments, but there does not seem much likelihood now that matters will be pushed to a crisis, and provided that the Chinese and Japanese Governments work together amicably there is little doubt that a great extension of industrial activity will take place, of which our own bankers interested in Far Eastern business should make the most advantage.

The one pressing difficulty which the Eastern banks are encountering is that of the steady rise in exchange. This is particularly the case with regard to India. In his recent financial statement, Sir James Meeson, the present Financial Member in India, remarked on the fact that no less than 120 crores of rupees had been absorbed in India during the period from April, 1915, to date. Sir James Meeson said: "It is a startling fact that between April, 1915, and the present time nearly 120 crores of rupees have been added to the circulation. To provide India

GENERAL NEWS.

PAID FINE WITH HIS BOOTS.

When a Chorley man was charged at Willesden with travelling on the railway from Manchester without a ticket, he said he had no money with which to pay a 20s. fine. He said, however, that he was wearing a pair of boots worth more than that amount, and had another pair in his bundle. After the court rose a policeman bought the boots, which were said to be eleven, and the defendant paid the 20s. He had explained that he actually entered the express, after it had started out of Manchester station, having climbed over a wall, and walked a little way along the track.

with this amount it has been necessary, besides using up the world's current production of silver, to deplete its accumulated stocks. Without the assistance of the Government of the United States we should not have been able to satisfy the appetite of India for metallic currency." Speaking at the meeting of the Chartered Bank, Sir Montagu Turner, in dealing with this side of the position, said: "The fact is that not only in India, but in other countries silver coinage has been hoarded to a very considerable extent, and this has brought about the problem of how to supply current coinage in silver-using countries with the acknowledged shortage of supply of bar silver in the world. That is a problem that has not been solved. It is interesting to note, however, that in India small notes of the value of 1 rupee and 2 1/2 rupees each have been issued with some success, and up to the present time value of 1 rupee notes in circulation amounts to 9 crores and of 2 1/2 rupee notes to over 2 crores. I would suggest the possibility that notes of low value, such as 2s. 6d. and 5s., might be successfully issued and used in this country. I believe we shall have to come to it if the shortage of silver continues as it has done in the past."

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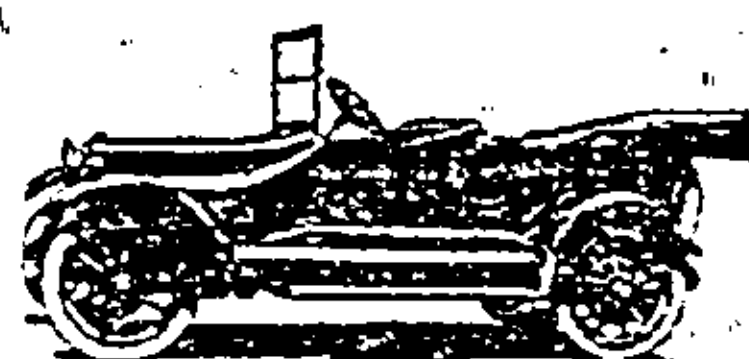
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NEWSPAPERS AND TRUTH.

AN AMERICAN COMMENT.

An old subject is taken up afresh by the *Arbitrator*, which devotes almost an entire issue to a plan of its own for "Compulsory Veracity in Newspapers." This is a large order, as the English say, and into the details of its execution here proposed we cannot go, says the *New York Evening Post*. One suggestion is that "official newspapers" be published, of which the editors would be "elected," and then, of course, they could not tell lies. We admit that the ordinary estimate of the relation between newspapers and the eternal verities is not complimentary to the newspapers. If the critic is kindly disposed, he observes that the press is inaccurate because of the stress and strain inseparable from its work. Its mistakes are to be accounted for by the necessity for haste. If, however, the critic is cold-blooded, he draws a blacker indictment. In his view the press is a sinner by choice, a deliberate and malignant falsifier. It shuns the truth. It is fiction posing as fact without the justification of the fiction that is also art. Neither critic, however, puts his finger on the real causes of the conditions criticised. Those causes lie deeper than haste or depravity.

The causes have a two-fold basis: the peculiar nature of the product which the newspaper exists to supply and the manner of its presentation. The newspaper's business is with the news. What is news? The news is the new—and something more. And it is that something more which makes all the trouble. The trained eye of the news expert sees in a particular happening the element that renders it news, that makes it what he calls a "story." Often this is easy. If the writer of these words did fifteen miles in three hours, there would be no hurrying of reporters to the telegraph instruments. Should the President, however—but that would be vastly different. Ten thousand Americans stroll down Broadway in the course of a few hours without exciting any comment. Let half that number of Japanese do the same thing, and the wires would be hot. The Mayor of a fairly large city may die without embazonment in the Hall of Fame. An obscure miner is entombed alive, and the world reads daily bulletins of the progress of his rescue.

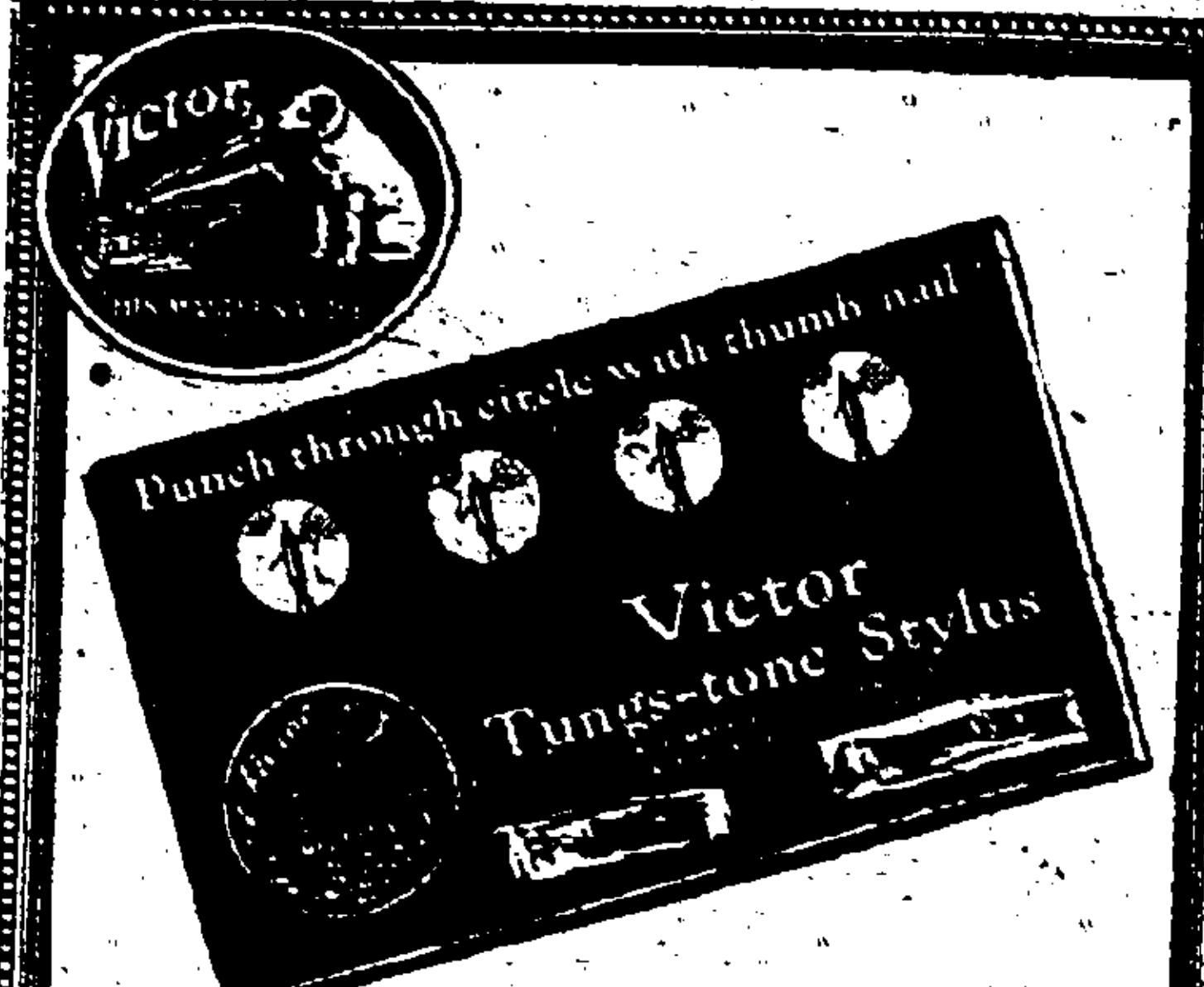
News is not simply the new; it is not necessarily even the important. It may be merely the unusual, in one way or another the interesting. Perhaps a comprehensive statement of the nature of news would be that it is any new event to which attaches some element of human interest. Some element of human interest—that is the "something more"—that is at once the glory and the bane of journalism. For just as it is impossible to draw the line between legitimate speculation and gambling, so it is to distinguish between legitimate human interest and sensationalism, since all human interest, however

sober, includes curiosity. There is thus a temptation always to get on the lurid side of the line and to present not only the interesting but also the morbid. A more subtle temptation is to enhance the interest of an event by tampering with some detail that is true but not sufficiently striking for the newspaper's sense of the artistic. A mind trained to select the features of an occurrence that make it news, to see the "story" where others see only a fact, readily perceives what many an almost good happening lacks of being completely interesting. It is like watching a pageant. Here is something in actual life that, with just a touch, would do for the novel or the stage. Why not add the touch? No one will ever know the difference except possibly the persons involved, and they will probably be pleased they are only the stuff out of which good stories are made, anyway. In this way the door swings open to the widest possible divergences from the truth, divergences which nevertheless grow out of the legitimate story-telling news-recognising gift.

If news is that which is not only new but interesting, it is obviously something not to be colourlessly clothed. To spoil a good story in the telling would be unpardonably stupid and inartistic. Therefore, the second half of the newsman's energies are directed toward making the story that struck him strike others. How does he do it? Barring such childish devices as giant type, red ink and drawings made on the spot, there are certain more serious technical means of getting the news read. The chief of them all is the anticlimactic method of telling the story. A novel, opening gently enough, intends to give you a whirlwind finish; the author reserves his best fireworks for the end. Not so the reporter. He reverses the process. He puts his climax at the beginning. You know the worst at once. Then, your interest caught, he leads you by easy steps to details that at the start would have had no attraction for you, stopping short when he thinks you will take no more. Incidentally, he tells his story three times: once, laconically and vividly, in the headlines, which are themselves a technical development of prime importance; then, more fully, but still summarily, in the "lead" or first sentence of his opening paragraph, and finally, with detail, in the body of his writing.

It is easy to see whether all this striving after effect loads. The story is written for anybody who happens to read it. It must be sure to catch him at first sight lest it do not get him at all. As an inevitable consequence, the newspaper, whatever else it may or may not be, is not the symbol of dullness, of lack of colour. In order to be sure of being heard, its shouts at the top of its lungs; to avoid being unseen, it puts on its gaudiest dress; lest it commit the unpardonable sin of seeming uninteresting, it forces sensation into every item that enters its

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ANTIQUITY OF ALE.

BEER TRADITION OLDER THAN ENGLAND.

Beer is very much in the public mouth just now, says an exchange. Well, not exactly in it; but the public, the publicans, brewers, and the Government are in unison as to the matter of its importance. It is all a question of specific gravity. It is the want of specific gravity that leads to profanity.

Small beer is the last word in feeble hops. There is a legend in Hampshire of a grenadier who caught his death by drinking it. You may tell that story to the marines—and the marines will probably swallow it. What they and ordinary laymen will not do is to swallow contentedly the grenadier's death-draught. The beer tradition is older than England. From the remotest ages men have lived and thrived on it. A beer made from malt, or red barley (which has more local colour to it) was mentioned in Egyptian writing as early as the fourth Egyptian dynasty. That beer was real right thing. Papyrus of the time of Seti I. alludes to a person who had too much of it. That human old record makes one's mouth water.

The Greeks learned from the Egyptians how to brew beer, but neither the Greeks nor the Romans had much opinion of it. They called it a barbarian drink, because it was consumed by the Germans. No one, at any time, has ever had much impression of lager beer outside Prussia and the English garden cities.

The Britons and the Saxons were great hands at brewing. It was one of the many good things communicated to them by the Romans. At the time of Henry II. beer was a universal drink in England, and the monasteries excelled in ales.

The Abbots of Burton, thanks to the properties of the Burton waters, turned out a superlative brand. In 1630 Burton beer began to be sold in London, at "Ye Peacock" in Gray's Inn-lane.

Right up until the time of the Stuarts' beer and ale were the only drinks for the people. Samuel Pepys drank a cup of tea out of curiosity, but there is no further mention of it in his diary.

With good Queen Anne coffee and tea were established as beverages of elegance for the ladies. The gentry, for the most part, stuck to their claret.

Many people trace the alleged declension of England to the introduction of mineral waters in Victorian days. Certainly better songs have been written about malt than about seltzer. There is no hymnology of "swipes," but there is a gathering chorus of commination. It has reached even the aloof ears of Mr. Bonar Law.

AUSTRALIA AND EX-SOLDIERS.

REQUEST FOR 36,000 MEN.

The War Cabinet have under consideration a scheme by which it is proposed to emigrate 36,000 British ex-soldiers and their dependants to Western Australia during the next three years.

This project is the outcome of the Imperial land settlement scheme, which provides for free passages to ex-service men to the Dominions.

The proposals have been instituted and developed by the Hon. J. D. Connolly, Agent-General for Western Australia, who explained to the *Evening News* that if the scheme is adopted 12,000 men and their dependants will be taken out each year for the next three years.

"What we are asking the Imperial Government to do," he said, "is to advance loans to the men on similar lines to the loans we are prepared to make to our own settlers."

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BRITAIN, AMERICA AND JAPAN.

The Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Alliance expires in less than two years' time, and more than the two nations principally concerned will be interested in the point as to whether or not it is likely to be renewed. In point of fact, there are reports in circulation to the effect that Japan is anxious that the agreement should be revised, and that the matter is now under consideration by the British Government. The present understanding arose out of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty of 1902, which had special reference to China and Korea. Three years later, this agreement was amplified by an offensive and defensive Alliance applying to Eastern Asia and India. By its terms, the respective Governments undertook to support each other in the maintenance of their territorial rights. This Alliance was renewed on July 13, 1911, for a period of ten years, and though the provisions of the older Treaty were substantially re-enacted, one important modification was agreed to relating to arbitration with third Powers. This innovation was set out in Article IV, which reads: "Should either High Contracting Party conclude a Treaty of General Arbitration with a third Power, it is agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall entail upon such Contracting Party an obligation to go to war with the Power with whom such Treaty of Arbitration is in force." That is how the situation stands to-day.

No official news has come to hand concerning negotiations for a revision of the Treaty, but an Asiatic News Agency telegram which has come to our notice states that, in connection with the matter, the British Government is secretly sounding the State Department of the United States, so that the clause concerning Britain's obligation to assist Japan in case of war may be revised in such a way as not to involve the two English-speaking Powers in difficulties in the event of a Japan-American crisis in the future. The telegram adds that this precaution on the part of Britain is quite necessary, in view of the existing world situation; but that from Japan's point of view, after the elimination of both Russia and Germany from world politics, the Alliance would become a "scrap of paper" if Britain were to keep out of any Japan-American trouble. It is even added that Japan views the attitude of the British Government with dissatisfaction, and that revision of the Treaty will probably be difficult.

What measure of truth there is in these reports we should not care to say. But it is certain that the future of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is a question which will soon have to be considered. The saving clause in the Treaty regarding arbitration understandings was no doubt inserted for an express purpose, having in mind the possibility of a general arbitration Treaty between the United States and Britain in particular; and if it is true that the British Government is seeking to make arrangements whereby it will be impossible for the English-speaking races to become involved by reason of our Alliance with Japan, there is really nothing new in the idea. We can speak both for British and American opinion when we say that such an outcome would be heartily welcomed by the peoples of both nations. The war has brought Britain and the United States closer than ever together, and it is now inconceivable to think that the two countries will ever go to war. Certain it is that the peoples of both the one and the other would never consent to such folly. It is unthinkable. Happily, there are grounds for thinking that a way out of such a possibility will be found. Apart from the saving clause in the Alliance and the movement for specifically excluding America from the effects of the understanding, a totally new development has occurred by the incorporation of the League of Nations Covenant in the Peace Treaty. When peace is finally ratified, world affairs will be placed on an entirely new footing, and the change will no doubt have a most important bearing on the Pacific question and on all understandings affecting it.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

A SERVICE GRIEVANCE.

In the matter of demobilisation the local military authorities can hardly be said to have been over-worked, for less than a dozen Garrison men have been dealt with under the demobilisation orders. In the interests of the few men affected there is one matter in connection with their demobilisation that we should like to call public attention to, as it constitutes a distinct inequity. As all are well aware a man upon demobilisation has due to him a war gratuity (varying with the length of service and rank held), a bounty and a clothes allowance, and this, in the case of a man in England, generally represents a nice little sum. In Hongkong, owing to the high rate of exchange, it is reduced to a mere fraction of the value it would be elsewhere. After a great deal of agitation, some two years ago, a specially low rate of exchange was secured for all service men as regards their pay, but for some reason or other the "official" rate of the dollar is the basis worked upon when paying out to the demobilised men anything but what was due for actual pay. It is quite easy to see where the hardship comes in. The "official" value of the dollar is fixed by the military every month and whereas for the month of September the official rate was 3.8d., it was fixed at 4/- for October. Thus the amount a man receives is at the caprice of exchange.

A GLARING ANOMALY.

When the Chamber of Commerce fought for the "service" dollar it was generally thought that it had been established for all time that monies due to service men were not to be subjected to the hardships of exchange and it is a little difficult to understand why any alteration has been made in the cases under review. The amounts in question have been earned during service and the very intention of the Army Council, in making these grants, is falsified by the existing arrangement. The anomaly of the thing is blatantly apparent in the case of the clothes allowance, for a man becoming demobilised last month receives more with which to buy his civilian outfit than a man who gets his demobilisation this month. When one also considers that the spending value of the dollar locally has not changed in anything like the same proportion as its exchange value it is exceedingly hard lines on the men who have chosen to go into local civilian life. As the whole matter stands, it is sufficiently unjust to warrant action being taken, and it is to be hoped that the General Officer Commanding, or whoever has the power, will place the facts before the authorities at Home in an endeavour to remove what most people will judge to be a very ungracious wrong.

OVERSEAS TRADE.

The new Department of Overseas Trade, of which Sir Hamar Greenwood is the head, has made a good beginning by emphasizing the necessity for Home manufacturers to allocate a reasonable share of their output for overseas trade. This is a matter which vitally affects Hongkong for, if the very natural tendency to cater entirely for the unperceived demands of the Home market is not checked, there must inevitably ensue a disastrous neglect of the markets abroad. The handicaps that British merchants in the East have been suffering from during the war should be removed with all speed possible and, in these early days of reviving trade, it is imperative that supplies should not be too scant. The obvious result of neglect now is that we shall lose trade connections while rivals are building up theirs and in the future when we shall need all the markets we can possibly get, we shall find that there is no room for expansion. The manufacturer at Home who tries to deal fairly between his home and overseas customers is serving at once his own interests and those of his country. Every British merchant in Hongkong, whether he is dealing strictly locally or in the hinterland, knows what stern opposition he is fighting against, and this state of things prevails in practically every foreign market. Only by receiving the greatest of help from Home, can British merchants hope to maintain the Empire's life-giving trade.

EARTHQUAKE AT RANGOON.

Rangoon recently sustained a fairly severe earthquake shock, in course of which the premises of Messrs. Steel Bros. and Co., Ltd., were split from top to bottom.

DAY BY DAY.

THE FATE OF EMPIRES DEPENDS ON THE EDUCATION OF YOUTH.—ARISTOTLE.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald's sermon will appear to-morrow.

Mr. Eldon Foster is expected to return to the Colony next month.

For ill-using a pig, a Chinese was fined \$10, to-day, by Mr. N. L. Smith.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, a printer was charged with stealing two zinc plates.—Three months.

The Empire Entertainers are giving a performance at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night. This will be their only appearance here. Details will appear in advertisements later.

Last week's health returns show eight cases of enteric (six fatal), five of gastro-enteritis (four fatal), two of diphtheria (one fatal), one fatal case of cholera and one non-fatal occurrence of gastro-enteritis.

The September issue of the *Yellow Dragon* (Queen's College magazine) is a most interesting number. It has many interesting articles and is evidently proving a valuable medium for original writing by the College students.

The Police have been informed that early on Sunday morning some one entered No. 2, Seymour Terrace by the window, opened the safe by means of a skeleton key and stole money and some gold coins to the amount of \$1,025.

The Hongkong Tramway Company's receipts for the week ended October 4 totalled \$15,589 which is a decrease of \$158 over the same week last year. For the 40 weeks of the year, the takings total \$588,907, which represents an increase of \$36,811 over the same weeks in 1918.

Mr. E. R. Lindsell was justly severe to-day, when he ordered a Chinese youth to receive eight strokes of the birch for throwing stones. Inspector Kent said, in another case, that these boys were continually throwing stones and that a severe penalty should be passed as a deterrent. The second youth was awarded eight strokes of the birch.

"WAR KING."

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A 14,000-ton steamship has been added to the fleet of the Canadian Robert Dollar Company. With the acquisition of this vessel the War King, the company will have six big cargo carriers on the Pacific next spring. Only recently, the War Melody, a standard-built ship, which has been renamed the Grace Dollar, was purchased.

The War King is a steel twin screw ship, 475 feet long, 51 feet beam and 30-foot depth. She was built in 1917 by the Kawasaki Dock Company of Kobe, Japan. Her gross tonnage is 9,334, net 6,919 and deadweight 14,000 tons. At the present time she is being operated by Furness, Withy and Co. for the British Ministry of Shipping, but will be turned over to the new owners in the near future.

The new ship is particularly well adapted to handling cargo, being fitted with all of the very latest equipment. She has six hatches and her freight handling machinery includes four three-ton derricks, two six-ton one-ton and one of thirty tons capacity. Mr. Melville Dollar made the announcement of the purchase.

LONDON-PARIS AIR SERVICE.

In addition to the daily air service between London and Paris, arrangements have been made with the Farman Company by the Aircraft Transportation and Travel (Limited) for one Goliath machine to be available weekly, to carry about 14 passengers, at a charge of 15 guineas a head. This will mean a fare of five guineas a head less than that for a journey in one of the smaller Airco machines. The American Express Company, booking agents for the Aircraft Transportation and Travel (Limited), hopes to arrange in the future for liners from America to be met regularly by aeroplanes at English and French ports, so that business men may lose no time in their journeys to London. The carrying of large packages will be discouraged, owing to the need for economising space. As the conditions improve, it is intended to make the cross-Channel services more frequent.

AN ISLANDER'S DIARY.

[BY "AJAX."]

The address of welcome to H. E. Sir Edward Stubbs, which was read by Sir Paul Chater at the City Hall last week, was, indeed, thoroughly businesslike in spirit and quite out of the ordinary run of addresses that new Governors and Lieutenant-Governors receive in the East and Far East. It was made the vehicle for airing the aspirations of this small Colony. It was couched in simple and forcible language. An address of welcome is certainly not an easy subject to tackle, for the ever-recurring question baffles one: "Is this the proper thing to say on such an occasion?" In all large cities the common practice is for the Corporation to present the address of welcome, but in Hongkong we appoint a Committee to draw it up and get the senior non-official Member of the Executive Council to read it.

It will, I expect, surprise many people in the Colony to learn that there is a strong movement at Home at present to amalgamate the Straits Settlements, the British Federated Malay States and Hongkong into a British Dominion. The suggestion is Sir Matthew Nathan's, and I am told by a very creditable gentleman who is a popular figure in China and who has just returned from England, that Sir Matthew Nathan's proposal has been very strongly endorsed by British statesmen. Sir Matthew Nathan is mentioned as the new Governor of Singapore.

The following details go to prove that Sir Matthew's scheme for providing for Empire consolidation in the Far East has been drawn up on eminently attractive lines. The Straits Settlements, the Federated Malay States and Hongkong would, by his proposals, be welded into one Dominion for purposes of administration with a Governor-General directing the destinies of the whole, on the same lines as the Indian Empire. The capital of the Dominion would be Singapore, which would also be the naval base for the whole of the Far East. There is much in this to commend it to the Colonial Office. Penang, Hongkong and the Federated Malay States would each be governed by a Governor.

The advantages are manifold, but it is open to argument whether Singapore should be the capital of such a Dominion. Hongkong is not likely to accept this suggestion without a kick, although as regards the naval base being at Singapore this is likely to find favour with the Admiralty as the danger to India by not having a Navy is too obvious to need stressing. It ought to be superfluous to-day to urge the important relationship that the British possessions in the Far East bear to the British Empire. These possessions are very inadequately protected, and it was by the grace of God and the fact of our understanding with Japan that we did not lose some. Their safety is precarious without a well-equipped fleet, and united organisation. As a safeguard against any possible loss in time of a great crisis, it is as much in the interests of Great Britain as it is in these colonies themselves, that these places should offer an effective barrier to any possible loss.

With regard to this scheme, a few premises may be inferred, each providing a convenient starting point for wider speculation. In the first place, it is obvious that the need for perfecting the Imperial mechanism is recognised at Home as both immediate and obvious. Since the inception of the Imperial War Cabinet we have been experimenting more or less on the lines of a Britannic Alliance, and plenty of further development on present principles is possible. To what extent would this new Far Eastern British Dominion command her own external destinies? Would she influence the Imperial Foreign Policy and not share in the control of it?

The chief interest of a possible political union of Hongkong with the Straits and the F.M.S. consists in the fact that this is the first definite movement towards an object which must assuredly have the sympathy not only of those who believe generally in Empire

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

DRAWS FOR COMING MATCHES.

Master Gunner May, R. G. A., presided over a full attendance of the Football League Management Committee last evening in the R.G.A. Recreation Room, Victoria Barracks. The chief items on the agenda were—1. Formation of the League, 2. arrange fixtures for Season 1919-20.

St. Joseph's College were admitted to the First Division and Royal Navy Reserves and Manchester Regt. to the Second Division.

There are now six clubs in the Senior Division and 11 in the Junior. Owing to the lack of grounds, it was decided that in the Second Division that only one game between opposing Clubs would take place this season.

The Committee then arranged to draw for the first matches in each Division, which resulted as follows:—

Division I.—Royal Navy v. St. Josephs; Hongkong Club v. S.C.A.; R.G.A. v. Hongkong Police.

Division II.—Staff and Depts. v. Indian R.C.; S.C.A. "B" v. Club de Rec.; R.N. Reserves v. S.C.A. "A"; St. Joseph's Res. v. Manchesters; Kowloon v. United F.C.; R.G.A. Res. a bye.

It was decided to commence the Second Division on Saturday October 25th, and the Senior Division a week later.

The Chairman drew attention to the question of suitable playing grounds. In former years the Happy Valley grounds were at the disposal of the Association, but owing to the activity of the Rugby Section Hongkong F.C. and the rumoured Rugby Section of the Navy, only one ground (and that one considered unfit for league matches), would probably be available for Saturday League fixtures. With Junior Clubs springing up from all districts the provision of more suitable playing grounds should be considered.

The question of interport football was discussed and it was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the Hongkong Football Club.

consolidation, but also especially of those persons who favour and are working for the co-ordination of interests of different parts of the Empire situated in the same geographical sphere. In recent years there has been a number of instances of what may be termed local unification within the Empire, which have embraced not only the self-governing Colonies, but have included the assumption of authority by the Dominions concerned over places that had hitherto been administered directly under the Colonial Office. For example, when the Australian States federated, the large territory of British New Guinea was incorporated as a Dependency of the Commonwealth. Although the idea of political union is of new growth, the question of closer relationship between the Straits, F.M.S., and Hongkong is newer still. I wonder if any thing is likely to accrue from this suggestion.

The men of the Manchester Regiment who have been garrisoned here for over a year will be demobilised very soon. They will leave Hongkong by the s.s. Prinzessin, a former German boat, on the 21st instant. Before that or shortly after, the Whitehorse Regiment will be here. There are 600 men in this Battalion, over sixty of whom have families. The officers number thirty. In this connection, I may say that the recent rumour that the 22nd Punjab is removing to Rennie's Mill at Junk Bay, so as to make room for the Whitehires, is not likely to prove true. The idea, I hear, has now been abandoned. Another report is to the effect that a Military Officers' Club is being erected in Kowloon on the site known as "Rocklands," which is now being pulled down.

It is stated that the Government Hotel at Kowloon will start very soon. I hear it will cost over \$1,500,000 and will be on Salisbury Road. This is what local gossip says, anyhow.

I understand that His Excellency the Governor prefers to be known as Sir Edward, and not Sir Reginald, Stubbs. It will be remembered that our late Governor also used his second name after his Knighthood, being universally known as Sir Henry May.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph":
INCONSISTENCIES.

Sir,—As a regular reader of your interesting paper, I shall be obliged if you would afford me a little of your valuable space for the following:—
The *Daily Press*, in a leading article, this morning, accuses you of being inconsistent. Well, I think it is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. Your contemporary says "All we said was that we did not oppose it (the Kowloon movement) because we believed the agitation to be artificial." And yet the same writer suggested, some few weeks ago, that Kowloon should join hands with the C.R.A. so as not to divide forces. If the *Daily Press* believed the Kowloon movement to be artificial, why did it suggest that Kowloon should join hands with the C.R.A.?

Yours etc.,

KOWLOONITE.

Kowloon, Oct. 6, 1919.

LEFT UNDONE.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Mariner," in his excellent letter in your issue of 6th October, has expressed the thought which ought to have struck everyone who has this Colony's interests at heart, but he has been the first of the general public, at any rate, to voice that the paramount reforms Hongkong needs are Harbour improvements. This rich and prosperous Crown Colony would not exist were it not for its port and Harbour, and it is indeed short-sighted of us, who owe to this port our livelihood, that we do not bear this in mind and insist as people upon the Government's keeping the Harbour works abreast of any other port in the world, and not allowing it to fall back to second, third, or perhaps tenth place. For if this happens we shall all of us here—merchants, bankers, barristers, Government officials even—slide back with it. "Who does not advance, goes back" says the old adage, for to stand still while others go on is the same as retreat. Governments are notoriously slow to move, and while I believe every one of the improvements "Mariner" suggests, have already been advocated for years by the Harbour Master, Captain Basil Taylour, more sweeping changes than these are needed and will only be got by the popular demand for such things. People get the Government they deserve, we are told. If so, Hongkong wants to see that she is worthy of a sound and far-seeing policy for her wonderful port by herself demanding it.

Sir Paul Chater's famous Fourteen Points, like those of another even more distinguished, went only for illusory gains, not for the solid substance of things.

Some there be that shadows kiss,
Such shall have a shadow's bliss.
We want no iris-hued bubble of the League of Nations type here, but good solid shipping facilities—wharves, breakwaters, modern godowns with up-to-date machinery for working cargo, and any other things which the best minds in the Colony, conversant with the needs of shipping, advocate.

Yours etc.,

ISLANDER.

Hongkong, Oct. 7, 1919.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY

Hongkong Football Club—Annual meeting.—6 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—8.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club—Annual meeting.—5.30 p.m.
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.—Extraordinary general meeting.—noon.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Gymkhana at Happy Valley.—Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd.—Annual meeting.—12.30 p.m.
Cadet Corps—Sports at V.R.C.—3 p.m.

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H. K. C. C.
ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. F. Maitland presided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club, held in the Club pavilion last evening. He was supported by Pay-Lieut. Robinson, Messrs. R. P. Thurstield, R. Kennedy and F. H. Thomas (Committee), and Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Secretary.

After the notice convening the meeting had been read the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and accounts have been in your hands for several days and I will adopt the usual course and take them as read. Our thanks are due to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, that the results are so favourable, and I think constitute a record notwithstanding that \$538.17 has been taken from our profit to adjust the loss in exchange from War Savings Investment. The accounts are so clearly stated that they do not call for special comment, but I shall be very pleased to answer any questions on them to the best of my ability. We need to do well in the financial line for years to come, for we have still \$5,650 Debentures to redeem and it appears sure that it will not be many years before the present pavilion will have to be enlarged by an extra storey or rebuilt entirely. Now that the war has ended, thank God, we can look forward to an excellent season for all sports and enter into them heart and soul. To the members of this Club who have lost their lives in the war, a memorial will be erected in the Pavilion and I have arranged with Mr. Wilson of Messrs. Palmer and Turner to design and send out a tablet from home. We are pleased to know that Interport Cricket is to be revived and 24th. to 29th. November have been fixed for a triangular duel between Hongkong, Shanghai and the Straits. It is sure that Shanghai will come and almost certain that we shall also have the pleasure of a visit from the Straits. Those who have had the good fortune to represent Hongkong at cricket in Shanghai and the Straits know well of the hospitality shown them and we must not be lacking in this respect. I should be very glad if anyone who can put a man up will advise the Hon. Secretary in the next few weeks. The Selection Committee will have a difficult task to perform, for the team will be representative of the whole Colony. Bowlers are much wanted and I need hardly say that an important match is now and then lost by a dropped catch or slack fielding. With these few remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented.

Mr. H. Hancock seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Dowbiggin proposed the election of Mr. Maitland as President, mentioning the work he had done for the Club and how grateful they were for the interest he took in it.

Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr seconded the motion which was carried. The Chairman in reply said he had been on the Committee for 26 years. (Applause.)

The Chairman proposed the re-election of Mr. F. M. Hodgson as Secretary, saying they were glad that he was willing to continue the work another year. (Applause.)

On being seconded by Mr. Kennedy the motion was carried. Mr. C. Bernard Brown was elected Hon. Treasurer on the motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Thurstield.

Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr proposed that the following Committee be elected:—Messrs. F. Maitland (President), Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. A. Nisbet, R. P. Thurstield, R. Kennedy, F. H.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.
AQUATIC SPORTS.

Queen's College held its annual aquatic sports at the V.R.C. baths yesterday afternoon. The feature of the occasion was the fine form shown by D. Laing, who obtained the highest aggregate of points, for which he was awarded the School Championship Cup which has already been in his possession since 1917. The results were as follows:—

50 Yards Handicap.—1. Wan Kwang Ting; 2. Chan Pak Cheun. Graceful swimming.—1. Leung Tit Sang; 2. D. Laing; 3. Ko Kin Fan; 4. A. A. Rumjahn.

Invitation Team Race, Coronation Shield.—Eight entries. Winners, Queen's College; Runners up, Ellis Kadoorie School. 50 Yards Breast Stroke.—1. Wan Kwang Ting; 2. Cheung Shun; 3. Tsoi Tse Yui.

High Dive (championship).—1. D. Laing; 2. Ko Kin Fan; 3. A. A. Rumjahn.

50 Yards Handicap.—1. Leung Tit Sang; 2. A. A. Rumjahn; 3. Cheung Shun.

Long Plunge (championship).—1. D. Laing, distance 53.9"; 2. Leung Tit Sang, distance 40.8"; 3. Ko Kin Fan, distance 39.9".

Diving for plates.—1. Ko Kin Fan; 2. Cheung Lim Pak.

100 Yards Championship.—1. D. Laing; 2. Ko Kin Fan.

Chinese Master's Race.—1. Mr. Kwong.

Class Team Race (Junior).—1. Class 4 A.

Old Boys' Race.—1. M. P. Choe; 2. F. R. Pereira.

Class Team Race (Senior).—1. Matriculation.

Consolation Race. 1. Chan Chi Fat; 2. Mahomed; 3. Chan Yue Mei.

In asking Mrs. Ralphs to distribute the prizes Mr. B. Tanner Headmaster of Queen's College, said:—Mrs. Ralphs, who is closely associated with our College, has performed similar functions for the College on previous occasions and there is no necessity for a formal introduction. Mrs. Ralphs is a well-known and respected friend of the College and I am sure she is just as pleased to come to us as we are to welcome her among us. We must remember that Mrs. Ralphs has numerous interests and engagements to attend to and this makes all the greater her kindness in coming here to perform a function of this kind. On behalf of every body connected with Queen's College I thank her for her kindness, which all of us appreciate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralphs, with their small son, are shortly leaving for home, and this is probably the last time she will attend at our sports meeting and therefore it is only right that we should wish them a happy and enjoyable holiday while they are at home.

I sincerely thank the Committee of the Victoria Recreation Club for so kindly allowing us to use the pool, and the donors of the prizes, especially Messrs. G. V. Hall and M. P. Choe, two enthusiastic old-boys, for presenting two championship cups. I also thank Mr. Fletcher, the energetic organizer of the sports, and his staff.

Mrs. Ralphs then handed the awards to the winners and at the conclusion she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Mr. Mitchell, Secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club, said he had great pleasure in placing the Club's pool at the disposal of Queen's College. It was indeed gratifying to see Mr. D. Laing scoring the honours of so many events. Mr. Laing had become a member of the V.R.C. and the Club had great pleasure in admitting him.

Thomas, D. E. Donnelly, Capt. Gray, Pay-Lt. C. G. Robinson. This was seconded by Mr. Raworth and carried.

ST. RAPHAEL'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The eighth annual report of St. Raphael's Society (St. Francis Church) was presented at the annual meeting held on Sunday. It states:—

The total receipts from all sources—annual subscriptions, donations from subscribers, entrance fees from new members, funeral fees and interest, including the balance brought forward from last year, amounted to \$3,578.61 and, after deducting all expenditure, there remains a balance of \$617.76 to be carried forward to new account. During the past year, the Society conducted 108 burials. At present there are on our register six life members and 70 ordinary members. This year's work shows a substantial increase over that of previous years, having undertaken 108 funerals of which 12 were free: the average number of funerals for the last seven years was 58 per year. The Society's labours have become extensively known and the public have freely availed of its economical service.

The help the Society was able to render the Government after the Racecourse fire is recorded and also thanks to Bishop Pozzoni and the clergy for performing burial services.

INTERPORT BOWLS.

NARROW WIN FOR SHANGHAI.

An interesting game was played between four of the Shanghai Bowls team and K.C.C. on the latter's ground, last evening. The game was unusually close right through and considerable excitement was created by the scores being level at the twentieth head. Owing principally to the fine play of A. Taylor, the Shanghai team managed to secure three points, thus winning that game 25-23. The rink was not in the best of condition. Some very fine shots by players on both sides were spoiled and luck was a decided factor throughout the game. Nevertheless, an enjoyable evening was spent both by players and spectators.

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With reference to the stranding of the Yoten-maru, chartered by the N.Y.K. from the Tokyo Kisen Kaisha, off Tobetsu, Hokkaido, on the September 19, a further report says that the steamer has broken in two. The crew have been rescued. The vessel is quite a new one and the present is only her second voyage. She is reported to have had a full cargo of cereals, oils and miscellaneous goods so the loss is very heavy.

AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANT FLEET.

While Japanese shipowners have their pessimistic moments they are on the whole confident of Japan's success in running a big merchant fleet on a paying basis. Fairplay discussing the new Commonwealth fleet building for Australia is very lugubrious. Before the war, it says (according to a Mainichi Sydney telegram) similar ships used to earn £10,000 per voyage, or £20,000 a year, bringing a return of 13 per cent. For the new Commonwealth liners to do the same it will be necessary to earn £130,000—presumably per annum. A ship's life on the Australian run is thirty-six voyages, and Fairplay sees no hope of making ends meet. This however, never worries Australia very much. It is always easy to arrange a new loan.

HUGE NEW LINERS.

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KOBE	Yalshing	Fri. 10th Oct. at 5 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Chaksang	Fri. 10th Oct. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Yuensang	Fri. 10th Oct. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Tues. 14th Oct. at 3 p.m.
KOBE	Fooksang	Fri. 17th Oct. at 4 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 17th Oct. at 3 p.m.
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"Eurydamas" ... via Panama 16th Oct.
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Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' option.
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Consignees per Company's
 Steamer

"TELEMACHUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo
 will be discharged into Holt's
 Wharf, Kowloon, where it will
 lie at Consignee's risk. The
 Cargo will be ready for delivery
 from Godown on and after 4th
 October.

Optional cargo will be landed,
 unless notice has been given
 prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and dam-
 aged goods are to be left in the
 Godowns, where they will be
 examined on any Tuesdays and
 Fridays between the hours of
 10.45 a.m. and noon within the
 free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after
 the Goods have left the steamer's
 Godown, and all Goods remaining
 undelivered after the 10th Oct.,
 will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
 must be presented to the under-
 signed on or before the 24th
 October, or they will not be
 recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be
 effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 4th October, 1919.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

From YOKOHAMA, KOBE &
 MOJI.

The Company's Steamship
 "SIAM MARU"

having arrived, from the above
 ports, on the 3rd October 1919,
 Consignees of cargo are hereby
 notified that their goods are being
 landed and placed at their risk in
 the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf
 & Godown Company's Godowns
 at Kowloon, where delivery can
 be obtained as soon as the goods
 are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 5th
 October 1919, will be subject to
 rent.

Damaged packages must be
 left in the Godowns for examina-
 tion by the Consignees' re-
 presentative and the Company's
 Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard &
 Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday
 and Friday. All claims must be
 presented within Thirty days of
 the steamer's arrival here, after
 the goods have left the Godowns.
 No fire insurance whatever will
 be effected.

Consignees are requested to
 send in their Bills of Lading for
 countersignature immediately.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
 Y. YASUDA,
 Manager.

Hongkong 3rd, October, 1919.

CONSIGNEES.

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 Wharf, Kowloon, where it will
 lie at Consignee's risk. The
 Cargo will be ready for delivery
 from Godown on and after 4th
 October.

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 free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after
 the Goods have left the steamer's
 Godown, and all Goods remaining
 undelivered after the 10th Oct.,
 will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
 must be presented to the under-
 signed on or before the 24th Oct.
 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be
 effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 4th October, 1919.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE-
 GRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following Unclaimed Tele-
 grams are lying here—
 Tsenchowdong Neehongdong,
 Vansee Street, from Shanghai.

Hongwoosing, from Amoy.
 Kwongshingcheong, from
 Takow.

Kwongwoosing-East Des Voeux,
 from Amoy.

Tongyackhing, from Kobe.
 Kienfung Co. Venyeeisui Street,
 from Shanghai.

Chuzaing, Woosung West
 Street, from Shanghai.

Wadato, from Tokio.
 Manyuewing, from Amoy.

Ibarhyakusuke, c/o Japanese
 Consulate, from Osaka.

Paktat, from Kobe.
 Abekobei, from Kobe.

Cheungnuig, Pottinger Street,
 from Shanghai.

Kusanglee, from Shanghai.
 Nagase, from Osaka.

Robert Carter, St. Georges
 Hotel, from Kobe.

Cheechiang Hoshun, West
 Street, from Shanghai.

Fukuwayu, from Kobe.
 Onlec, from Kobe.

Townsend, from Kobe.
 Chongwah, Tea Club, from
 Amoy.

Wongfongvic, Taionchan Hotel,
 from Chefoo.

Bungalow, from Yokohama.
 T. KRING,
 Superintendent,
 Hongkong, Oct. 3, 1919.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRAL-
 ASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

C. A. Bearwolf, from Paris.
 H. J. Eddo, American Consul
 from San Francisco.

Lanco, from Bandoeng.
 Nuttall, from San Francisco.

W. Gamble c/o Sailors Home,
 from Singapore.

D. de H. FARRANT,
 Superintendent,
 Hongkong, Oct. 2, 1919.

MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TAMBA M.
 (European Line.) left London for
 this port via the Suez Canal on
 the 9th Sept., and is expected
 here on the 18th Oct.

The American & Manchurian
 Line s.s. CITY OF NEWCASTLE
 is due to arrive here about 10th
 November.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SHINGO M.
 (Bombay Line.) left Bombay for
 this port via Singapore on the
 24th Sept., and is expected here
 on the 14th October.

The N. Y. K. s.s. AKI MARU
 (Australian Line.) left Sydney
 for this port on the 25th Sept.,
 and is expected here on the 17th
 Oct.

The N. Y. K. s.s. AKITA M.
 (Calcutta Line.) left Singapore
 for this port on the 1st Oct., and
 is expected here on the 8th Oct.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOSAN M.
 (Calcutta Line.) left Calcutta
 for this port via Singapore on the
 29th Sept., and is expected here
 on the 20th Oct.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOTOMI M.
 (Bombay Line.) left Bombay for
 this port via Singapore on the
 28th Sept., and is expected here
 on the 17th Oct.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NAGATO M.
 (New York Line.) left Calcutta
 for this port via Manila on the
 30th Sept., and is expected here
 on the 11th Oct.

The American & Manchurian
 Line s.s. CITY OF FLORENCE
 from New York is expected to
 arrive on the 14th instant.

The American & Oriental Line
 steamer MINERIC from New
 York is due to arrive on the
 10th instant.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF
 JAPAN left Vancouver for Hong-
 kong, via Japan ports, Shanghai
 and Manila on the 30th Sept., and
 is due here on or about the 22nd
 Oct.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF
 ASIA arrived at Nagasaki, on
 5th Oct., 10 a.m. left there 6th
 Oct., 6 a.m., and is due at Kobe,
 on 7th Oct., 6 a.m.

The R. M. S. MONTEAGLE
 arrived at Yokohama, on 4th Oct.,
 left there 5th Oct., and is due at
 Kobe on 7th Oct.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAWACHI
 MARU (Liverpool Line.) left
 Liverpool for this port via the
 Suez Canal on the 17th Sept.,
 and is expected here on the 30th
 October.

TIDE TABLE.

29th Sept. to 5th October, 1919.

	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
	29th Sept.	30th Sept.	1st Oct.	2nd Oct.
1st	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
2nd	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
3rd	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
4th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
5th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
6th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
7th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
8th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
9th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
10th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
11th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
12th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
13th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
14th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
15th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
16th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
17th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
18th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
19th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
20th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
21st	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
22nd	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
23rd	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
24th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
25th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
26th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
27th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
28th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
29th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
30th	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
1st Oct.	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
2nd Oct.	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
3rd Oct.	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
4th Oct.	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45
5th Oct.	6.15	1.45	6.15	1.45

m morning, a afternoon.

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THE DEFEAT OF SUBMARINES.

If the British, after capturing the German submarine Bremen, had not had some special reasons for preserving strict official silence in regard to their achievement, and for keeping the crew of the boat in the strictest sort of what in American-Spanish war days was called "incommunicado," the course pursued would have been hard, or even impossible, to justify.

It has always been held, not quite obligatorily, perhaps, but certainly something more than permissible, in war between honourable foes, for each to take some trouble to let the other know, by one means or another, whereabouts of its missing men if they are still alive. This is usually done by allowing the prisoners to communicate briefly with their relatives, in order that their anxieties may be mitigated and that they may render such aid to them as circumstances permit. The Germans did it to a considerable extent, for the reason, a harsh critic would say, that thus the cost of feeding their prisoners was decreased, and, on general principles, the British should have done the same thing.

As a matter of fact, they did, except in the case of the men taken from destroyed or captured submarines. No information at all regarding them was given out, and every effort was made to prevent such information from reaching the public. So successful were these efforts that nothing but rumours of German submarines lying in British docks gained circulation, and nothing at all definite concerning their crews, not even whether they were dead or alive, was divulged. One result of this policy was that for three long years the fate of the Bremen was a complete mystery, outside of a narrow official circle in England, and of the men who had been on her families, relatives, and friends heard never a word until, the other day, they were set free and sent home, to be received as risen from the dead.

Exceptional treatment was accorded by the British to the submarine crews because the submarine was itself exceptional—something new in marine warfare and a peril of such seriousness that new measures to make it less effective properly could be used. Had the Germans known where their undersea craft were in more than ordinary danger they could have refrained from sending them to such areas. Informed as to the means by which submarines were found and destroyed or captured, they could have invented and used protective devices.

This knowledge, or some of it, the Germans surely would have received had the submarine prisoners been permitted to reveal even their continued existence.

It is claimed, too, that the policy of silence had another effect, also important—that of weakening moral in the German submarine service—and it is even said that this is to be explained at least in part by the insubordination that marked the German Navy through the latter part of its history. That theory is plausible, but it is not quite convincing. Germans are sentimental, but they are not sensitive, and it is not easy to believe that the demoralisation of their navy was thus brought about. There were other and sufficient reasons for that.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

The s.s. DILWARA 6th Oct.
Alexander F Loh Him Shee
Miss
Allen M M Miss Loh Ah Ying
Au Wing Fat
Miss
Babbage C R Q. Loh Wai Chun
M.S.
Beasley C. Lo Tze Lang
Cook C R Dr. Olcott M
Donohugh E E. Mohamed H S
Miss
Mahantani J G
Fleming D J Mayer L C Miss
Rev
Mahon E J
Fraser A G. Mudge J L Miss
Fong Hung Siu Metcalfe J L
Guzdar K D Mrs Mc Cort R E
Guzdar K. D Nazki Rafiya
Miss
Jaujira H H.
Gubbay E Mrs. Nasir J
Heytm an K Otto A M
Miss
Perrott R O Lt
Italia P N. Potter J H Rev
Johannes B E. & Mrs
Kingham J Mas-Roberts M Dr
ter
Rahamin S F
Keating B J Mr. Mrs & Mrs
& Mrs
Talati J P
Keating B Mas-Tucker K Miss
ter
Talati H P Master
Kimpton V Y
Mr & Mrs Wong Ping
Kingham J J Mr. Hsing
& Mrs
Zatira Begum
Lupton S. Fyze Madam

SILVER'S REVENGE.

Silver is having a remarkable revenge. It was displaced from quasi-equality with gold as a money metal as the result of the Franco-Prussian war. Acting on the theory that gold is the proper standard for rich and silver for poor countries, Germany, having grown rich on plunder and indemnities, demoted her thalers and cast the silver on the market. From the blow silver never effectually recovered until Germany went to war again in search of plunder, but whereas the great fall in silver was a direct result of German action, the present rise is only obliquely related to the war. If Mexico were settled and productive the scarcity of the metal would not be so extreme, and anarchy in Mexico preceded and has outlasted the war. The irony of the silver situation is by no means seen principally in the contrast between its appreciation and the depreciation of currencies, and especially of the mark, ostensibly based on gold, or between the halcyon times enjoyed by silver producers and the demands for assistance to make gold mining pay. The rupee was pegged at a conventional relation with gold to prevent it being dragged down in the wake of silver, but it cannot resist the upward momentum of the metal. The India Council has raised the exchange price of the rupee to 1s. 10d. while the absolute parity between silver at 53d. in London and the sight rupee is 1s. 10 11/16d. The rise is serious from the point of view of India's export trade, and the check its administrators would in the ordinary way bring about an adjustment. But adjustment by a reduction in the supplies of commodities from the East is exactly the reverse of what Europe wants. With a Montagu at the head of the India Office we should not be without intelligent understanding of the situation in the highest quarters. (Cyprian Times.)

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on September 1, 1919

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1918	1919
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Tyran	Level with overflow	Level with overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1918	1919
Tyran	1,110.00	1,110.00
Tyran	1,110.00	1,110.00
Tyran	1,110.00	1,110.00
Tyran	1,110.00	1,110.00
Tyran	1,110.00	1,110.00
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Tyran	1,110.00	1,110.00
Tyran	1,110.00	1,110.00

KOWLOON WATERWORKS LEVEL.

	1918	1919
Kowloon	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
Kowloon	Level with overflow	Level with overflow
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STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

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The Government Analyst's reports show that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAM, Water Authority, Public Works Department.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

NEW COMPANY AT HARBIN.
A new company under the style of the Russo-Chinese Trading Co. will be established at Harbin. The new firm will aim at developing the trade relations between Russia and China. It proposes to buy some factories at Tientsin to supply Russians with its own manufactures.

MOTOR CYCLES IN CHINA.
It is suggested that the interest which is being shown in China in motor cycles is due to the fact they can travel on the narrow paths used by foot passengers and for wheelbarrows, and that if these paths were improved somewhat, commercial travellers could penetrate with ease places which are now practically inaccessible.

BEEF FROM TSINGTAO.
The exports of beef from Tsingtao, China, are increasing steadily. In 1915 the exports amounted to 1,894 tons and in 1918 they reached 8,837 tons. In the last named year nearly 4,000 tons were purchased by the quartermaster's department at Manila, while 2,660 tons went to Japan, 1,401 tons to Shanghai and Dairen and 872 tons to all other countries. This year's export, so far, we learn will be also an increase on last year's states the *China Critic*.

A JAPANESE OBSERVATORY.
According to a Japanese contemporary, Japan is going to establish a central observatory at Shanghai for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of weather reports between various places on the Asiatic mainland. It is reported that the work of constructing this observatory was to begin on October 1, at a site adjoining the shipping office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha near the Wayside Wharf. An engineer has arrived from Japan to supervise the work of construction, while the astronomer in charge is also expected shortly to leave for Shanghai.

PULP FROM THE SEA.
The project for the establishment of a marine pulp manufacturing company is reported from Tokyo. It appears that considering the feasibility and the profitability of manufacturing pulp from the inexhaustible stocks of marine plants, a party of Tokyo business men are starting a concern with a capital of ¥2,000,000 for the manufacture of pulp and paper, besides handling a wholesale business in all sorts of paper. The company will be called the Dai Nippon Kaisho (marine plant) Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Company. The public will be invited to subscribe for part of the shares which will be put on the market in the near future.

SHANGHAI TRADE.
Messrs. Ilbert and Co's (Ltd.) latest Piece Goods Market Report says:—The better feeling, which was in an incipient stage at the time of our last report, has developed in the interval. Quite a number of outlets are beginning to find that the stocks they possess are very light, and dealers are full of interest to discover what advices of shipments of various cargoes have come to hand in the last few days' vast quantity of accumulated mail matter which every office in Shanghai has been "snowed under." Easier money in native circles has also enabled a fair amount of exchange to be wiped off which was settled for forward arrival at the time that forward cargo was contracted for, in order to legitimately protect the then considered, enormously dear sterling cost. This has led to no doubt, much thought upon the "might have been," had the present wonderful exchange rates been available upon everything that is to come forward this autumn.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

FISHING IN DAIREN WATERS.
On account of the cholera epidemic, fishing has been prohibited in Dairen Bay and the neighbouring waters, but as the epidemic is nearing its end, the fishermen are eagerly awaiting the withdrawal of the prohibition. At Port Arthur, the prohibition of fishery is said to have been already removed, and it is reported that, in view of the approach of the fishery season, the Dairen authorities are considering an early removal of the prohibition, according as the local epidemic condition warrants doing so.

SULPHATE OF AMMONIA.
According to telegrams received on September 15, 2,183 tons and 9,500 tons of sulphate of ammonia were exported from England to Japan, during July and August respectively. It is also reported that between the beginning of this year and the 10th of last month, 6,081 tons were exported to Japan from San Francisco and that between January and July this year 2,185 tons were exported from Seattle. (The tonnage in this case of American exports is based on American reckoning). Quotations are reported to be comparatively moderate, ¥260 and ¥262 being quoted for September and October delivery and October, November and December delivery respectively, in Japanese money.

JAPANESE TOY TRADE.
According to a Tokyo message, a group of Japanese business men are now interested in a scheme for floating a company for the manufacture and sale of toys and general sundry goods. The scheme, it is understood is almost complete. The company is provided with a capital of ¥1,000,000 to start with and will be named the Toa (Far Eastern) Toy Trading Company. The capital will be divided into 20,000 shares, part of which, it is said, will be put on the market for public subscription. The British manufacturers who have been demanding protection against the German toy trade will, no doubt, be supremely delighted by Japanese substitutes. (Japanese Chronicle.)

GERMAN IMMIGRATION.
While on the one hand we are told that Germany has got over the strike fever and is getting down to work, it is stated on the other that there are signs of an exodus which will largely discount this effort. The *Mainichi Chronicle* correspondent at New York learns that 450 young and robust German immigrants have arrived at Buenos Ayres—which will create more misgiving seeing that the Argentine has been the peculiar preserve of Englishmen heretofore—and that the German representative in Mexico City talks about 30,000 Germans coming to Mexico. It is hardly to be supposed that these emigrants have a very great deal of capital to invest. Of course if they make good in new countries, they will do better than they could by staying at home, and might do better for their country also, but it is very doubtful whether they would send big remittances so long as Germany's revenues were under Allied control. While Germany's population is badly depleted by the war, the infantile no less than the adult, there is no need from the point of view of pressure of population for any emigration for many years but the revival looks like a return to the old days before imperialism in Germany became an intensive culture. Of course, all sorts of suspicions will be conceived of deep-laid plots, but the net result will probably be that the emigrants will make themselves welcome in the countries in which they settle and that the indemnity will become harder than ever to collect.

VESSELS LOADING.

EUROPE, U.S.A., ETC.

Ecuador	P. M. S.	Oct. 8
Wakasa M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 9
Akita M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 9
Bessie Dollar R. D.		Oct. 10
Nile	C. M.	Oct. 11
Nagato M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 11
Katori M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 14
Manila M.	O. S. K.	Oct. 15
Eurymedon	B. & S.	Oct. 16
Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 17
Tamba M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 19
Prinzessin	P. & O.	Oct. 21
Iconium	A. L.	Oct. 22
Seattle Spirit A. L.		Oct. 23
Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	Oct. 28
Celebes M.	O. S. K.	Oct. 30
E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	Oct. 30
Nanking	C. M. S.	Oct. 31
Luzon M.	O. S. K.	B. of Oct.
Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	E. of Oct.
Wheatland	A. L.	Nov. 1
Khiva	P. & O.	Nov. 1
Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	Nov. 1
Colombia	P. M. S.	Nov. 4
Seiyu M.	T. K. K.	Nov. 5
E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Nov. 5
Africa M.	O. S. K.	Nov. 13
Persia M.	T. K. K.	Nov. 14
Hartland	A. L.	Nov. 14
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Nov. 19
China	C. M.	Nov. 22
Korea M.	T. K. K.	Nov. 26
E. of Asia	C. P. O. S.	Nov. 27
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Nov. 28
Endicott	A. L.	Nov. 30
C. of Newcastle B. & S.		Nov. 30
Nishmaha	A. L.	Nov. 30
Seattle M.	O. S. K.	M. of Nov.
St. Albans	E. & A.	E. of Nov.
Alps M.	O. S. K.	E. of Nov.
Venezuela	P. M. S.	Dec. 2
Nippon M.	T. K. K.	Dec. 6
Montague	A. L.	Dec. 15
Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	Dec. 18
Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	Dec. 19
Crevecoeur	A. L.	Dec. 20
Grace Dollar R. S.		1st half Dec.

JAPAN, COAST PORTS, ETC.

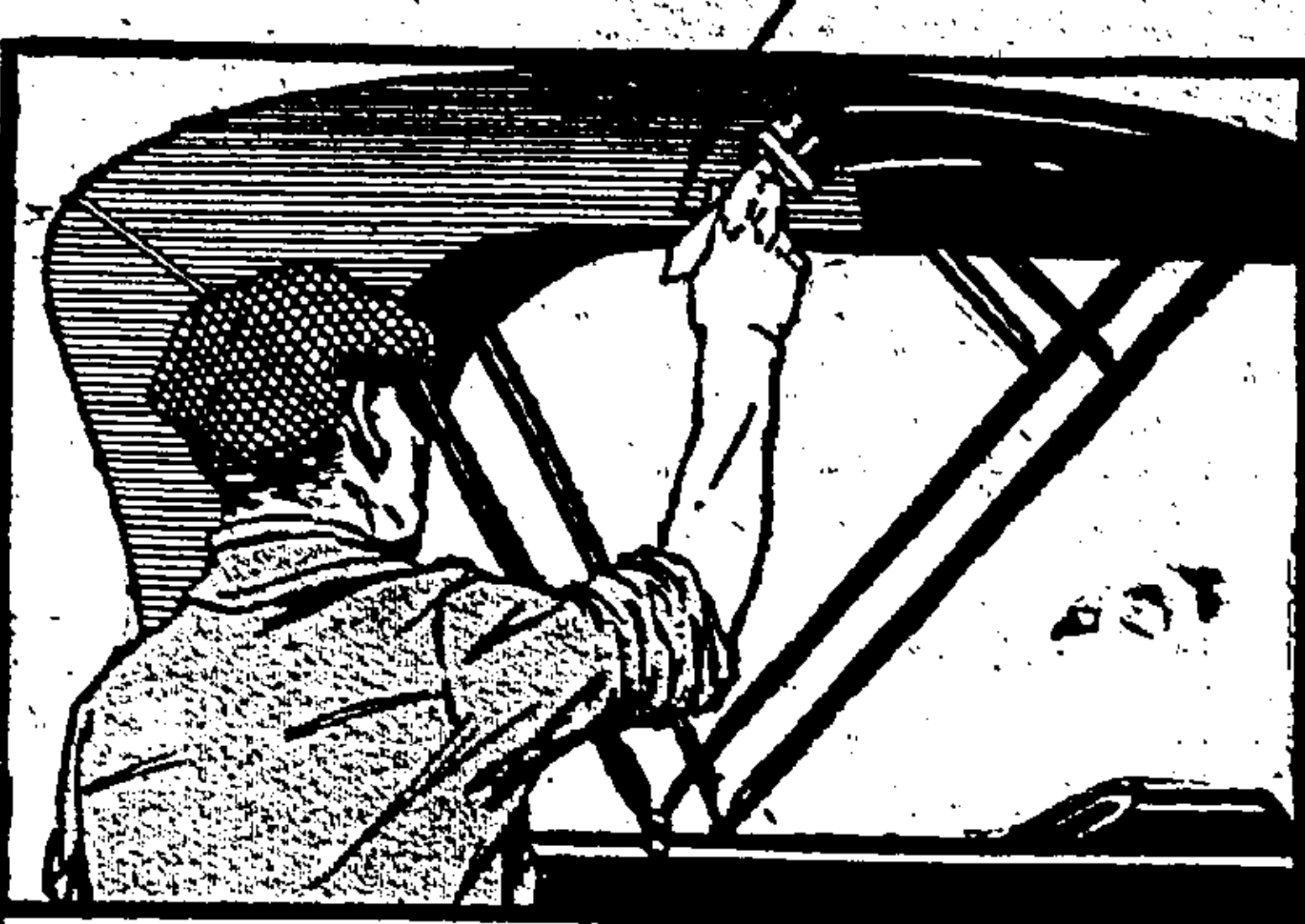
Haihong	D. L. Co.	Oct. 7
Loksang	J. M. Co.	Oct. 7
Shantung	B. & S.	Oct. 7
Nanking M.	O. S. K.	Oct. 7
Kanchow	B. & S.	Oct. 8
Yatsing	J. M. Co.	Oct. 9
Sunning	B. & S.	Oct. 9
Chaksang	J. M. Co.	Oct. 10
Yueniang	J. M. Co.	Oct. 10
Haitan	D. L. Co.	Oct. 10
Kaifong	B. & S.	Oct. 10
Teian	B. & S.	Oct. 11
Sosho M.	O. S. K.	Oct. 12
Dunera	P. & O.	Oct. 12
Amakusa M.	O. S. K.	Oct. 14
Huichow	B. & S.	Oct. 14
Laisang	J. M. Co.	Oct. 14
Quinnaburg	D. L. Co.	Oct. 14
Ido M.	O. S. K.	Oct. 14
Loongsang	J. M. Co.	Oct. 17
Loongsang	J. M. Co.	Oct. 17
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 18
Gregory A.	P. & O.	Oct. 19
Tijibodas	J. C. J. L.	Oct. 19
Shinru M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 21
Saigon M.	O. S. K.	Oct. 22
Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	Oct. 29
Tenshin M.	N. Y. K.	E. of Oct.
Konagawa M.	N. Y. K.	E. of Oct.
Shisen M.	O. S. K.	Nov. 1
Tijibwong	J. C. J. L.	Nov. 2
Tijmanoeck	J. C. J. L.	Nov. 6
Tango M.	N. Y. K.	Nov. 22

EXPORTS FROM JAVA.

As soon as the import restrictions of the United States were relaxed, large shipments were made from Soerabaya, Java, to the United States, of rubber, coconut oil, tapioca, coffee, hides and skins, guttas, and other tropical products, which had accumulated awaiting shipping facilities.

OUTPUT IN GERMANY.

London, Sept. 13.—The *Chronicle's* Berlin correspondent says that industrial productivity is increasing, the strike fever has declined and the general situation is more stable. Industrial Germany is putting her shoulder to the wheel in the making of glass, crockery and furniture during the last two or three months of great strikes, and is replenishing the home markets preliminary to attacking the foreign markets.



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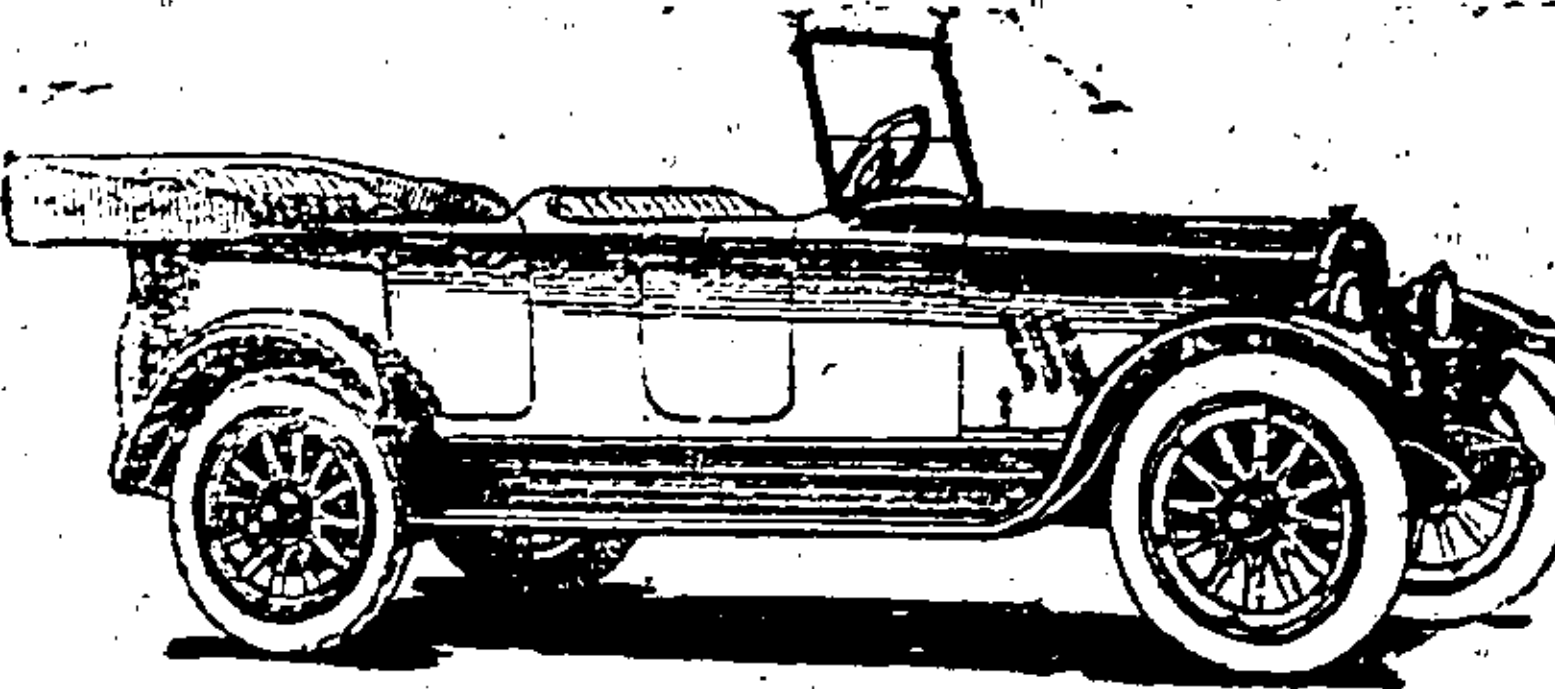
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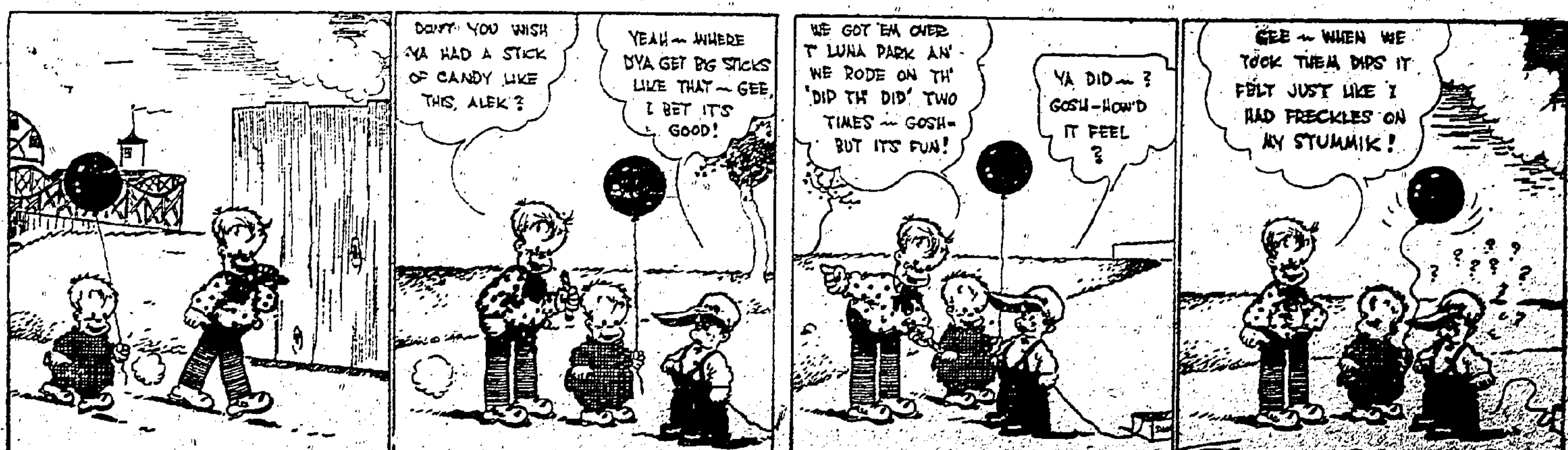
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE SETTLED.

London, Oct. 4.

The railwaymen's President, Mr. Cramp, stated last evening that members of the Executive were going to report to the various strike centres in the country with the exception of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Bromley who have to address an Albert Hall demonstration on October 5. Hence it is assumed that no move towards the resumption of negotiations by the railwaymen is likely during the weekend. Nevertheless members of the Trade Union Mediation Committee, now numbering 14, have not abandoned hope of finding an acceptable basis to establish a truce prior to the conference on Oct. 7, to the latter of which the miners have been specially invited. It has now assumed the character of a National Labour Parliament and its scope and power were strengthened yesterday when instead of the two or three delegates hitherto representing the Unions the full Executives were summoned. Thus the Conference will have authority immediately to decide the question of a strike and it is contended in Labour circles that the decision of such Conference must definitely influence both the Government and the railwaymen. The Vehicle Workers Union held eleven branch meetings in London at midnight to consider a sympathetic strike. The Executive recommended postponement of decision pending the conference on Oct. 7. Owing to the improvement of the train services the inland aerial mail has been discontinued. It is rumoured in the city that the Premier intends to go to the country immediately the strike has ended on the issue raised thereby.

Downing Street official: Plans are in active preparation to meet the situation caused by the refusal of the strike leaders to accept arbitration. The railway services are still growing and the number of goods trains is increasing. The food situation is unchanged. Retailers' stocks are well distributed and are, if anything, more plentiful than on Sept. 26. The response to the call for volunteers shows the public determination.

An instantaneous response has been made to the Government's appeal for citizen guards and numerous organisation meetings are being held. The Lord Mayor of London has already appointed an organising committee representative of the city. Special constables have also been called up. Nevertheless there are signs that the outlook is not so gloomy as the breakdown of yesterday's conference might indicate. The Mediation Committee is still hard at work.

Downing Street official: The Government is satisfied that all necessary measures have been taken to deal with any situation that may arise. A very limited passenger service will be run on Sunday in order that goods traffic may be carried. The public is requested not to use the trains on Sunday except it is imperative. Thanks to offers of service still being received from all parts of the country the Government is confident that it will be possible to continue to safeguard the community entirely through the civil arm with the voluntary co-operation of the civil population.

That the door to negotiations is still wide open is shown by the fact that the Mediation Committee after a prolonged conference with the Railwaymen's Executive interviewed the Premier at Downing Street this evening.

It is officially announced that the food position continues satisfactory. Heavy quantities are coming into London and supplies of fish are good. Retail stocks are generally greater than on Sept. 1. Milk is 75 per cent. off normal.

The Northumberland Miners' Executive has passed a resolution that the railwaymen are in the right and the time for the neutrality of other Trade Unions has passed.

The Mediation Committee left Downing Street shortly after seven and appeared much cheerful. An official statement issued at 7.10 says the deputation saw Mr. Bonar Law and the interview was adjourned until to-morrow. It is generally opined that the Committee will again succeed in bringing the Government and the National Union of Railwaymen's Executive together.

Mr. Thomas announced last evening that the executive of the railwaymen had decided to proceed with another conference at Downing Street at 11.30 on Sunday morning accompanied by Mr. Bromley of the Locomotive Engineers.

London, Oct. 5.

The Citizens' Guard will be unarmed and without uniform. They will wear only a brassard. Their principal duties will be to relieve the military in guard duties in accordance with the Government scheme of holding the troops strictly in reserve. Although the appeal was only issued at midnight on Friday, meetings were held throughout the country yesterday afternoon for the purpose of establishing the guards. The response of volunteers was such that considerable progress is already made. Thus the Mayor of Kensington announced yesterday that he had enrolled five hundred.

The conference of the Mediators and the Railwaymen's Executive with the Premier at Downing Street began at 11.50 this morning. A large crowd at Downing Street loudly cheered the railway delegates. Prior to the conference the Premier conferred with a number of ministers, including Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Horne, Sir Eric Geddes and Sir Auckland Geddes.

London, Oct. 5.

Official: The railway strike is settled. The conference at Downing Street concluded at 4.15 in the afternoon and the bare announcement "The railway strike is settled" was issued from No. 10. Immediately the large crowd in Downing Street loudly cheered the announcement. It is understood work will be resumed forthwith.

It is stated that the terms of settlement of the strike will be announced at the railwaymen's meeting at the Albert Hall this evening.

It is understood the settlement is eminently satisfactory to the Government. One of the delegates in an interview expressed the opinion that it was a fair settlement for both sides.

Lancet.

The meeting passed a resolution accepting the terms of settlement and undertaking to abide loyally thereby.

It is too soon to sum up all the lessons of the strike, but it is already clear that in so far as it was an attempt to hold up the Government, it has been a gigantic failure. The railwaymen have been out eight days and have spent £300,000 in strike pay without result. They never succeeded at any time in imperilling the life of the nation. For this two factors were chiefly responsible, namely the admirable organisation of the emergency services by the Government and the courageous and cheerful acquiescence of whole public in the temporary inconvenience. From the first sudden stoppage of work food supplies were absolutely assured. Elaborate arrangements were made for distributing milk and other perishables to the large towns, and the mails were but slightly retarded. The newspapers were delivered as usual. Necessary journeys throughout the country were performed by motor transport and the limited service of trains driven largely by amateurs. The attitude of the whole people has been beyond praise. There was no question whatever of the universal determination to make the best of the discomfort, to preserve order and to form a strong civic guard with that object; above all not to allow the community to be held to ransom by any one section. For the preservation of order a high tribute must also be paid to the Trade Union, including the railwaymen, who did their utmost to discourage sabotage. It is a remarkable fact that throughout the past week no rifle shot was fired and there was not a single instance of death or serious injury. No looting occurred anywhere. The situation has been

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HEALTH.

Washington, Oct. 4.

The night bulletin on the President's condition says he is about the same, with a slight improvement.

New York, Oct. 4.

Owing to President Wilson's illness H. M. the King of the Belgians has cancelled all his engagements for a tour of the United States except the visit to Boston and Buffalo, after which he proceeds to California.

Washington, Oct. 4.

President Wilson was able to take some nourishment yesterday; also some sleep. Otherwise there is no change.

A BOLSHEVIK OUTRAGE.

London, Oct. 4.

According to information from Warsaw it is reported that Brigadier Jadin of the American Army, who accompanied Senator Morgenthau on a mission to Poland, has been captured and executed by Bolsheviks while attempting to motor to Kieff from Luck. It is to be feared the British Lieutenant, Bowe, who was accompanying him, shared a similar fate.

THE PRINCE OF WALES

Regina, Saskatchewan, Oct. 4.

The Prince of Wales had a fine reception here to-day from large crowds outside the Parliament Buildings where addresses were presented and a number of veterans decorated. Subsequently the Prince gave a reception to a big crowd.

ROYAL MOTOR RIDE.

London, Oct. 4.

Their Majesties the King and Queen arrived in London this evening, having motored from Balmoral.

TURKISH CABINET RESIGNS.

Constantinople, Oct. 5.

Damaderid Pasha's Cabinet has resigned.

THE BALTIC PROVINCES.

Berlin, Oct. 3.

The German Government in a proclamation appeals for the last time to the consciences of the German troops in the Baltic provinces and says the entire nation will starve unless they withdraw this month.

Copenhagen, Oct. 3.

The German Government, replying to the Allies' note of September 25 concerning the evacuation of the Baltic Provinces, recalls the measures it has already taken, including stoppage of ammunition, pay and supplies for the refractory troops and the replacement of Von der Goltz by Von Bernhard. It says it has no further military means of compulsion. It is firmly determined to the utmost to fulfil its obligations, but it protests at the threat of a renewed blockade. It suggests the immediate appointment of a fixed German-Entente Commission to investigate the facts and take the requisite measures.

THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

Paris, Oct. 4.

The Chamber has passed a motion requesting the Government to reach an agreement with President Wilson on America's ratification of the Peace Treaty, to convene an immediate meeting of the League of Nations and a Commission of French delegates to propose measures leading to general disarmament.

serious enough, but it assuredly offers no encouragement to those who imagined England was a fertile field for revolution.

A Downing Street official message says: Representatives of the Railwaymen's Union, accompanied by representatives of the Transport Workers' and Associated Unions, called at 10 Downing Street at 11.30 this morning and interviewed the Prime Minister and Mr. Bonar Law. As the result the following agreement was reached:

Firstly: Work to be resumed forthwith.

Secondly: On full resumption of work negotiations shall be continued with the understanding that they be completed before Dec. 31.

Thirdly: Wages will be stabilized in the United Kingdom at the present level until Sept. 30, 1920. They may be reviewed at any time in the light of the then existing circumstances.

Fourthly: No adult railwayman in Great Britain shall receive less than fifty-one shillings as long as the cost of living is not less than 110 per cent. above the pre-war level.

Fifthly: Men to work harmoniously with those who remained at or returned to work. The Government and Railwaymen agree that no man shall be prejudiced in any way as the result of the strike.

Sixthly: Arrears of wages withheld in consequence of breach of contract will be paid after resumption of work.

Mr. Lloyd George left Downing Street at 5.55 and motored to Buckingham Palace. A large crowd at Whitehall loudly cheered him. He smilingly acknowledged it.

The special Trade Union Conference for Oct. 7th has been abandoned in consequence of the settlement.

LONDON-PARIS AIR SERVICE.

DAILY TRIPS AT TWENTY GUINEAS.

The official aerial trips between London and Paris during the Peace celebrations proved that a daily aeroplane service between the two capitals is a commercial proposition, and private services are about to be begun.

The Aircraft Transport and Travel, Ltd., announce that they will inaugurate a daily London-Paris service for passengers and parcels as soon as Continental flying is permitted, while the Handley Page Company expected to establish a daily service between London and Paris as well as between London and Brussels from September 1.

A Daily Chronicle representative learnt a number of interesting details from General Sir Sefton Branker, a director, in reference to the former project.

"Yes," said the General, "we follow on from the Government service. Their squadron commander and some of their finest pilots are now with us. Instead of Hendon, we shall fly from Hounslow. We shall use converted D.H. 4's and D.H. 16's, the former carrying two and the latter four passengers.

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"We expect the parcels service (7s. 6d. a lb. for ordinary packages, and considerably less for regular traffic) will prove more important than the passenger. Parcels can be left at various City and West-end depots up to 10 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. and up to 11.30 at the aerodrome.

Departing at noon from Hounslow (a sister machine simultaneously leaving on the other side), Paris will be reached at 2.15 p.m. Making a liberal allowance for Customs routine and the time occupied in arriving at individual addresses, all the packages would be delivered in central Paris by 4 p.m.—in outlying districts by 6 p.m.

"These facilities will no doubt be greatly appreciated by bankers, Stock Exchange people, and others. We also hope to be allowed to carry mails. At present there is a daily average of 2,000 messages cabled to Paris, and they are subject to some hours of delay. All those messages could be sent much more cheaply by air.

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BREVITIES.

Paris is building "down" instead of up, to preserve beauty of city—underground "earthscrapers" instead of skyscrapers.

The Portuguese government is still struggling to abolish the slave trade in West Africa.

Geopolis is the name suggested by the inter-Allied Committee for a new city in Belgium, which shall commemorate the great war and become the seat of the League of Nations.

A Spokane lawyer's plan to stamp out food hoardings—Make the mayor a government representative and require all food dealers to file with him invoices of every scrap of foodstuffs brought into city, together with the price.

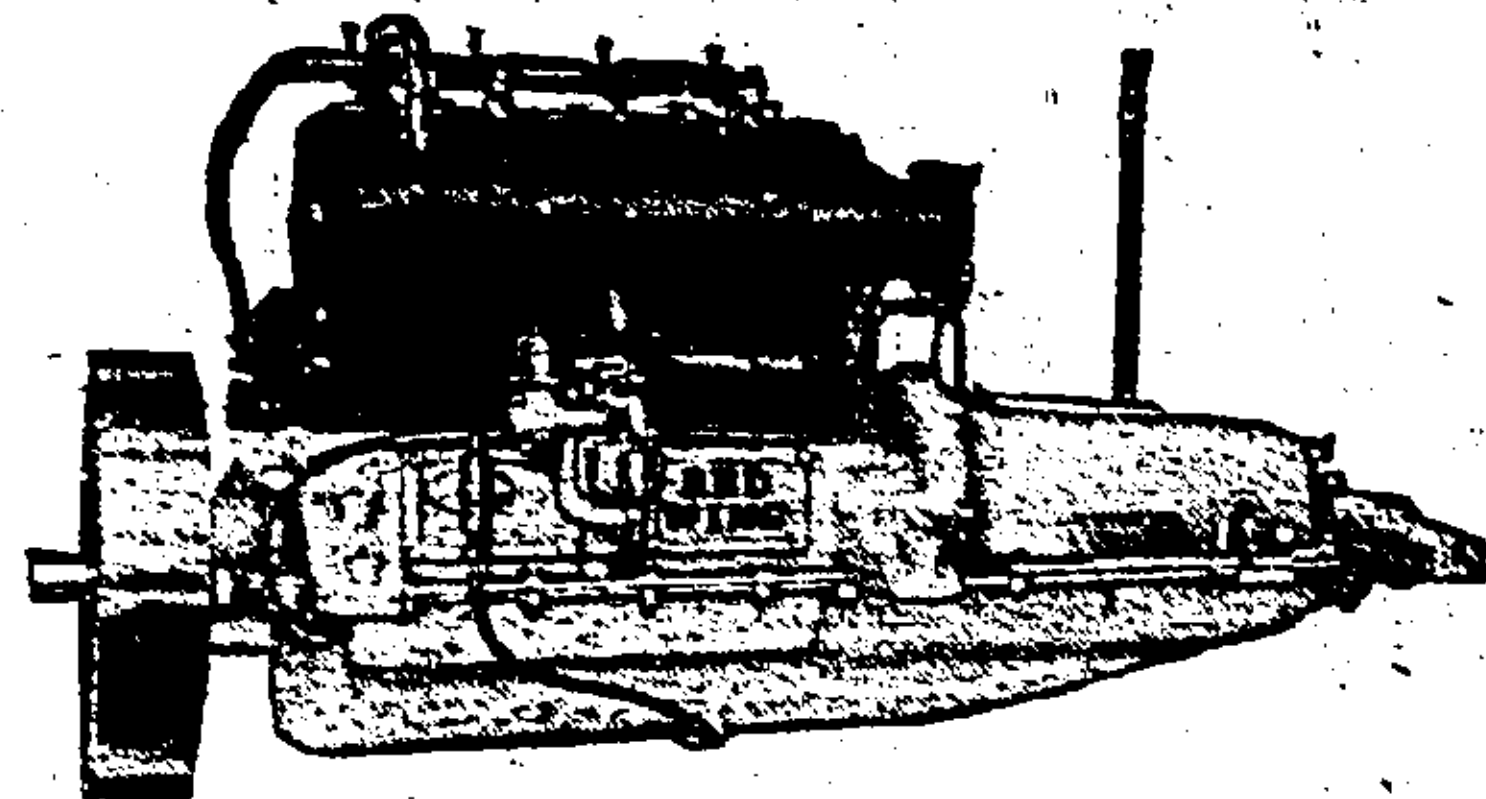
Two hundred years ago the purchasing power of the sovereign was twenty times more than it is to-day—Mr. Gordon Selfridge.

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The TACHEE, (apt. D. M. Mackenzie) whose agents are the Standard Oil Company arrived yesterday. Mooring, Laichikok. The SUNNING, (Captain Benson) from Shanghai, brought yesterday afternoon 683 tons of general cargo and 67 bags of mails for Hongkong—Mooring, B 10.

The s.s. BESSIE DOLLAR, (Capt. J. Marshall) from Vancouver consigned yesterday to this port 1,500 tons of lumber and general cargo for Hongkong and 2,235 tons through cargo. Mooring, A 3.

The TAIKOO WAN YI, belonging to the Taikoo Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd., from Penarukan brought 1,000 tons of sugar. Mooring, Quarantine Bay jetty.

The LIENSHING, from Saigon brought 1,300 tons of cargo and 576 Chinese passengers. Mooring, No. 47.

The s.s. CHAKSANG, consigned 1,500 tons of general cargo from Kobe yesterday. Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

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Seven hundred tons of cargo were consigned by the Hanoi this morning from Haiphong. Mooring, B 5.

The s.s. SHISHEN MARU, from Singapore, brought yesterday afternoon 1,425 tons of through cargo. Mooring, B 11.

The s.s. KOYO MARU, arrived this morning from Canton. Mooring, C 33.

The NANKING MARU, brought 2,647 tons of through and 305 tons of direct cargo from Yokohama yesterday afternoon. She is under the agency of the O. S. K. Mooring, Wharf.

DEPARTED.

The SUNNING departed this morning, with through general cargo for Canton.

The SHANTUNG left at noon

to-day, with 450 tons of cargo for Shanghai.

The HAIHONG departed to-day for Foochow via Swatow, with 390 tons and 200 deck passengers.

The TELEMACHUS (Capt. Bentley) left this afternoon for Saigon with 1,000 tons of cargo.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.
Day On date On date.
at 4 p.m. at 4 p.m. at 5 p.m.
Temperature — 59.40 29.93 29.94
Humidity — 83 75 81
Wind Direction — E. H.K. E. E.
Force — 3 3 3
Weather — c c c
Rain open air Temperature at the 5th 24 hours — 64.84 74.75
H.K. Observatory, Oct. 7, 1919.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

TO-DAY'S SHARE
QUOTATIONS.

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Banks.	
H.K. & S. Banks n.	\$670
Marine Insurances.	
Cantons b.	440
North China b.	\$200
Unions a.	217½
Yangtze b.	270
Far Eastern b.	23
Fire Insurances.	
China Fires n.	138
H. K. Fires b.	345
Shipping.	
Douglases n.	83
Steamboats n.	24¾
Indos (Prof.) n.	32
Indos (Def.) sa.	195
Shells b.	175½
Ferries n.	34
Refineries.	
Sugars n.	177
Malabons n.	46
Mining.	
Kailans b.	72½
Langkats b.	19½
Shanghai Loans b.	19½
Shai Explorations b.	19½
Raub n.	2.10
Tronohs b.	38/9
Ural Caspians n.	47½
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves s.	108
K. Docks s.	182
Shai Docks a.	121
N. Engineering n.	\$29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.	
Centrals n.	109½
H.K. Hotels n.	120
L. Invest. b.	120
H. Phreys Est. b.	9¼
K'loon Lands n.	45
L. Reclamations n.	175
West Points n.	90
Cotton Mills.	
Ewos n.	\$375
Kung Yiks b.	\$32
Lau Kung Mows n.	\$250
Orientalis n.	\$120
Shai Cottons b.	\$235
Yangtzepeos b.	\$17¼
Miscellaneous.	
Cements s.	7½
China Borneos n.	12¾
Do. Light b. old 7½ new 5½	
China Providents s.	8¼
Dairy Farms s.	23
Electric H. K. s.	84
Electric Macao n.	34
Hongkong Ropes b. & sa.	29½
Hk. Tramways s.	8¼
Peak Trams, old s.	7
Do. new n.	80 cts.
Steam Laundries b.	3¼
Steel Foundries b.	10
Water-boats s.	15½
Watsons b.	6.10
Wm. Powells b.	12
Wisemans b.	29

Hongkong, Oct. 7, 1919.

WEATHER REPORT.

October 6d 19h. 10m.—No returns from Vladivostok, Japan. Formosa or Indo-China. Pressure has increased slightly at all reporting stations.

An anticyclone is central over the Yangtze Valley.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the northern portion of the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.9 inch. Total since January 1st, 70.37 inches against an average of 77.60 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. winds, fair.

2 Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3 South coast of China (b.) The same as H.K. and Lamook (a.) N. 1.

4 South coast of China (b.) The same as H.K. and Hainan (a.) N. 1.

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